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State protests to PA over soldier's abduction

By AREH O'SULLIVAN

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Israel has officially protested to the Palestinian Authority for abducting an IDF Beduin tracker, interrogating him for two days in Gaza and trying to recruit him into the PA security services. The soldier, Sgt.-Maj. Juma

Azazma, 20, of Rahat, was abducted while visiting his wife's family in the Gaza Strip, a move which violates IDF regulations. During the visit over the Moslem holiday of Id al-Firr, agents from Mohammed Dahalan's security service detained him and held him for two days of interrogation, the

However, Palestinian security agents denied they tried to recruit him as a spy and charged they were questioning him on suspicion he was spy-ing an the PA for Israel

Palestinian security agents have tried and sometimes succeeded in the past to recruit Palestinian collaborators as informants into their ranks, but this is the first reported case in which they tried to recruit a sol-

According to the IDF, Azazma entered the Gaza Strip on February 9, dressed in civilian clothes, as part of a group of Israeli Arabs allowed to visit the PA area for Id al-Fitr. A day later, he was detained in Rafiah and interrogated by Palestinian security agents, the IDF said.

As soon as word reached Israel of his detention, the IDF demanded his interrogation be halted and he immediately be returned to Israel. The Palestinians released him on February 11 and he was taken into custody by Israeli security agents for debriefing. He told his Israeli interrogators the Palestinians sought information on base locations and radio code words, Israel Radio said. The soldier reportedly did not reveal

any sensitive information. This is a great exaggera-tion," said Rahid Abu Shabak, deputy head of Gaza's security police. "We saw him loitering m Rafiah. We detained him for questioning and it turned out he was an Israeli soldier.

"We suspected he was being used as an agent or spy for Israel since he was dressed as a civilian, Shabak said, adding Azazma was released after a few hours.

"Now [Azazma] is a great hero claiming we tried to get him to work for us. That is a lie ... We don't recruit Israeli sol-diers as spies. That's a joke," Shabak said. Following Azazma's release,

the IDF issued a grave protest to the Palestinians over the incident. OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yanai also issued instructions reiterating that IDF soldiers are barred from visiting the Gaza

Levy upbeat as talks resume

Israel and the Palestinian Authority launched negotiations near Jerusalem yesterday evening aimed at broadening Palestinian self-rule in the territories.

The ceremonial opening, which consisted of speeches by Foreign Minister David Levy and PA senior oegotiator Mahmoud Abbas, at the Kibbntz Ma'aleh Habamisha guest center west of Jerusalem, was described by par-ticipants as "amicable." Both Levy and Abbas expressed optimism that the ensuing eight parallel sets of oegotiations on security and civilian matters would be resolved amid goodwill.

A one-on-one meeting between the two followed the opening cer-

"The two sides have taken upon themselves to uphold the agreements amid reciprocity and responsibility and to create an atmosphere that is conducive to the peace process," Levy said after the meeting.

Despite the optimism and amid

general agreement that each set of talks should be held twice a week, concrete dates were not set yesterday to deal with the key Hebron pullback follow-np issues: the establishment of a Palestinian airport and sea port in Gaza and safe passage for Palestinians between Gaza and the West Bank.

Israel's concern in those talks is rity, and it aims for provisions to prevent the smuggling of weapons into the territories or people into Israel.

The IDF will head the Israeli team for the airport and sea port, while the Internal Security Ministry will head talks on safe passage between the West Bank and Gaza, Foreign Ministry officials say.

One novel panel schedoled to be launched is "people to people." It is intended to increase encounters between different segments of Israeli and Palestinian societies.

Two panels addressing ongoing issues are to meet today in Jerusalem. One is dealing with the



Foreign Minister David Levy (left) gestures to chief Palestinian negotiator Mahmoud Abbas to take his place at the table, as a new round of talks on implementing the Oslo Accords got under way yesterday at Kibbutz Ma'aleh Hahamisha.

and is headed by the IDF. The other is the civilian affairs panel,. After yesterday's session, Levy

declared that he and Abbas would meet monthly so as to supervise the different panels. However, it remains onclear what authority Levy will wield since the Palestinian track largely has been run out of the Prime Minister's Office. Furthermore, the IDF is to

Allenby and Rafah crossing points run several of the key panels.

Indeed, officials say they are confused by the differing titles on

the Israeli side. Cabinet secretary Danny Naveh, who flew back early from accompanying Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in the US to attend the Ma'aleh Hahamisha opening, has been named coordinator of talks with the Palestinians. According to Foreign Ministry officials, Levy

named co-coordinator. Levy himself is called head of the steering committee, a title that some describe as honorific.

To add to the confusion, the person who is considered the dominant Israeli negotiator on the Palestinian track is attorney Yitzhak Molcho, a friend of Netanyahu's.

Molcho headed the Hebron talks

aide Ya'acov Bardugo has beeo and officials say he will head the crucial talks on the final disposition of the territories which begin next month and are scheduled to cooclude in May 1999.

The next big date on the Palestinian track is March 7, when Israel is slated to stage the first of three additional pullbacks in the West Bank that are to be completed by the middle of next

Direct to Israel, via Nairobi

By HARM SHAPIRO

Normally airline passengers are only too willing to complain when flights are diverted or delayed, but there was nary a peep from the 380 passengers on El Al's flight OA2 from Bombay yesterday, when the flight was diverted to Nairobi and arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport over four hours late. El Al spokesman Nachman

Klieman said the flight was diverted after a 24-year-old woman, an arriving new immigrant from India, took ill. A doctor among the passengers and several army medics who came to her aid found that she was six months pregnant and had a history of heart prob-

The aircraft was four-and-a-half hours from Tel Aviv, and the doctor determined that if she had to wait that long there was a danger that she would go into labor.

After consulting with the operations center, the pilot determined that the nearest friendly destination with competent medical services was Nairobi, Kenya and the plane headed there, even though that city was over two hours away.

The El Al ground staff was on hand to offer assistance and get the woman to hospital, where she was admitted to an intensive care unit. As of last night, she was still reported to be in serious condition.

Klieman noted that the passengers showed complete understandmg and no one complained about

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PM discusses conversion bill with US rabbis

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu faced dueling messages from two sets of American rabbis Saturday night, with the Reform Movement suggesting that pending legislation on conversion would turn Israel into the "enemy."

Netanyahu met first with a delegation of Reform and Conservative rabbis, and then with an Orthodox contingent that was highly unusual in that it included officials of the Orthodox Uoioo, Rabbinical Council of America, Young Israel and Agudath Israel at the same table.

The Orthodox delegation affirmed its support for the coalition's agreement on

the status quo. But, one Orthodox official said, Netanyahu knows "he can't make the coalitioo happy without getting embroiled in a major Diaspora fight."

Netanyahu had expressed concern about Reform and Conservative conversions, fearing that foreign workers in Israel would come to the US for a few days to take advantage of what one Orthodox

rabbi called the Reform and Conservative movements' "quickie conversions," theo return to Israel and claim citizenship under the Law of Return.

The Orthodox contingeot said it would support requirements for "residency" in the US for a certain period as a way to avoid snap conversions.

"A Jew is a Jew is a Jew. You can't have

different standards for who is a Jew. There is one address and that is the Rabbinate, one Orthodox rabbi said.

The legislation is "one more slap in the face to the progressive movements," said Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the

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premises at 22 Hahistadrut, Jerusalem - just off Ben Yehuda.

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in brief

Toddler drowns in yard

Two-year-old Onissa Inia drowned yesterday afternoon in a water trough in the yard of her bome in Tel Sheva, a Beduin village near Beersheba. She had been playing in the yard and fell into a sheep trough. Her parents found her and called an amhulance, which rushed her to Beersheba's Soroka Hospital, where she was declared dead.

Levy signs agreement with Mexican FM

Foreign Minister David Levy and his Mexican counterpart Jose Angel Gurria signed agreements to combat drug traffick-ing, hold regular consultations between their foreign ministries and abolish the need for those holding official passports from their countries to obtain visas to visit the other. During their meeting in Jerusalem yesterday, they also discussed establishing a free trade area. Yesterday marked the first official visit by a Mexican foreign minister to Israel since 1975. David Makovsky

15 kg of cocaine nabbed

Police have confiscated 15 kg, of cocaine valued at \$1 million that was shipped in a container from Mexico to Haifa port, it was revealed yesterday, when a publication ban on the case was lifted. Seven people have been arrested in the case,

Those who have been remanded for 12 to 15 days are Hillel Komfeld, 29, of Tel Aviv, Yosef Wilf, 49, of Eilat, and Shmuel Rosenthal, 50 of Petah Tikva, who was a soccer player to the

Former Amidar head guilty of breach of trust

Former Amidar board chairman Uri Shani was fined NIS 10,000 and given a six-month suspended sentence by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday after being found guilty of breach of trust.

The charges related to his giving National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon office space in an Amidar building without management's approval, as required by law, and to his allowing his children to use the company's cars. Amidar incurred financial losses from both actions.

Israeli Arab stoned on bypass road

An Israeli Arah suffered serious head injuries early last night when the car he was driving in was stoned. The car, with yellow license plates, was travelling on the Halhoul bypass road. The driver was treated at the site by the Kiryat Arba branch of Magen David Adom and taken to the trauma ward at Hadassah University Hospital in Ein Kerem for treatment,

Margot Dudkevitch

Palestinian security men held in torture death

The Palestinian Police yesterday arrested Capt. Hani Ayad, head of Nablus military intelligence, along with two of his interrogators, on suspicion of beating Yousef Baba, 32, who died earlier this month in Nablus's Rafidiyah Hospital after being held for a month without charge by Palestinian military intelligence. Also arrested were Nahlus Deputy Governor Abdel Muti Sadik and Bassam Hilu, director-general of the governor's office.

Katyusha strategy session held

A theoretical exercise was held in Kiryat Motzkin yesterday on how to deal with the possible threat of long-range Katyusha rocket attacks from south Lebanon. The day-long briefing by senior officers of the Home Front Command, led by its commander Maj.-Gen. Shmuel Arad, follows unconfirmed reports Hizbullah may possess rockets capable of reaching as far as Haifa, Representatives of the police force, Magen David Adom, the fire department, as well as mayors and municipal officials

Lebanon monitors hear complaints today

By DAVID RUDGE

The Grapes of Wrath monitoring group is to meet at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura today to hear complaints from Israel and Lebanon on breaches of the understandings that ended the widespread fighting last April.

The meeting of the five-nation committee will take place against a background of heightened tension following the IAF strikes deep in Lebanon last week, aimed at pressing the Syrian and Lebanese governments to restrain Hizbullah.

Hizhullah, however, shows no signs of giving up its fight against IDF and South Lebanese Army troops in the security zone.

An exhibition extolling Hizbullah generally and its fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance in particular, opened yesterday at the Lebanese Tourism Ministry's

offices in Beirut. The exhibition includes a dis-

play of explosive devices and weapons used by the organization, video clips of its attacks on IDF and SLA targets in the zone, equipment allegedly left in the field by IDF troops after attacks, and memorials to "martyrs of the holy struggle against the Zionist

The organization also unveiled a monument to mark the anniversary of the killing of Hizbullah leader Sheikh Abbas Musawi and his wife and son, in an IAF helicopter attack in south Lebanon five years ago.

Hizbullah secretary-general Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, at a memorial service for Musawi in Beirut, criticized the US and President Bill Clinton for justifying Israel's continuing occupation of south Lebanon and the Golan

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, brother, and grandfather

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The funeral will take place tomorrow. Tuesday, February 18, 1997, at 1 p.m., at Hayarkon Cemetery.

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Daughters: Hanna and Ben-Ami Spectorman Naomi and Eri Heller Brothers: Klaus and Gert Philippsohn

With deep sorrow we announce the death, on February 13, 1997, of

VIRGINIA ALKOW

The funeral took place yesterday at the Herzliya Cemetery Virginia Alkow leaves her loving husband, Jack Alkow daughters Marianne Baskin Gabriel and Elaine Baskin

son-in-law Ken Krechmer, step-children Michael Alkow and Hedva Berg, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and Minty Aliison

No new building permits for Hebron settlers

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Hebron settlers emerged disappointed from their meeting with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday, after failing to obtain assurances that building permits and expansion plans for the lewish neighbor-hoods in Hebron would be

forthcoming.

Mordecbai has to approve all building plans in the seulements, including in Hebron.

After visiting the city, Mordecbai told the Arutz 7 radio station that to the best of bis knowledge there bave been no security infractions by the Palestinians. He added that the Jewish residents in Hebron had raised the issue of building permits and these would be dealt

Noam Arnon, spokesman for Hebron's Jewisb community, said the Jewish residents were fed up with the constant delays in issuing building permits.

"We want to expand the settlement in Hehron. Instead the Jews are forced to live in a ghetto-like existence," be said. Arnon added that the settlers also discussed the extensive renovations being carried out on stores in the retail market next to the Avraham Avinu complex.

The site was the center of tension last week when Arab shop owners opened their stores, even though the market bad not been officially opened.

Tempers flared between settlers and local Arabs, and the two sides tossed oranges and Arnon said. "The Arabs are



Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai speaks to a settler during his visit to Hebron yesterday. (AP)

eggs at each other. The settlers allowed to carry out renovawere demanding that the site be moved elsewhere, claiming that the marketplace was built on Jewisb land.

tions and build huge bousing projects in Hebron and we are issued orders to stop work."

Amon was referring to an order the eivil administration issued last Thursday demanding that all work cease on a new building, called Beit Noam in Avinu complex. the Avraham Avinu complex.

Amon said the settlers would hold a protest campaign against adding, "We feel humiliated in the continued building freeze and the opening of the remit this type of situation."

market next to the Avraham "We don't want any favors. This is ours; we want the rights of the Jews in Hehron," he said,

Sneh: Confrontation with Iran inevitable

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Confrontation between Israel and Iran is inevitable, Labor Party leadership candidate MK Ephraim Sneh said yesterday.

Speaking to several dozen senior reserve officers at the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel, Such said that within a few years Iran will have nuclear weapons and will pose an existential threat to Israel. The reserve officers in

major-generals Uzi Narkiss. Doron Rubin, Avner Hermoni, and Mordechai Beu-Shach. Sneh warned that Israel will

have to change its overall security concept, in accordance with the strategic Iranian nuclear threat. He noted that the Russian aid to Iran bad reduced the time it needs to obtain operative nuclear ability. Iran can achieve this ability within a few years, he

Commenting on the situation to Lebanon, Such said that given the current situation there is no alternative to the deployment of the IDF and SLA in the security zone. "Fighting the Hizbullah, which is supported by the Iranians, is the first - hut not last - military confrontation between a Western democracy and Khomeinistic Iran," Sneh said.

The address to any settlement in Lebanon remains Syria. As long as there is no comprehensive agreement with Syria, there is no way but the IDF's direct threat on Syrian economic interests in Lebanon, to pressure them to curb Hizbullah," he added.

Such said there is an "unbridge-

able gap" at present between the Syrian concept of the security arrangements, and Israel's security needs. He said President Hafez Assad's territorial demands are for the maximum, while his readiness for security arrangements and normalization are minimal.

"The international border proposed by the Syrians in the Golan - the Jordan and Kinneret line - is not defendable. Consequently, the tlement with Syria are slim," he

Sneh argued that Israel must hnild a new Israeli-Jordanian-Palestinian axis in the region, to balance the Syrian-Iranian axis. The key to comprehensive peace io the region was and remains the agreements with the Palestinians,

COMMENT

US meets 'New Age' Likud leader

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's meeting last week with President Bill Clinton strongly contrasts with an unforgettable White House encounter five years ago between prime minister Yitzhak Shamir and then-president

George Bush.

On the heels of the 1991 Madrid eace conference, Shamir spent the entire session with the world's most powerful man discussing what entrances to the State Department the Palestinian, Syrian and Lebanese negotiators would use and at what time intervals they would walk through the doors, in a futile bid to separate the various Arah delegations.

The American officials emerged from that session furning at bow Shamir had wasted bis own and Bush's time. But Shamir's bizarre emphases reflected Likud's view at the time: It wanted Washington removed completely from the sub-stance of the talks, apparently believing that Israel would thus be better positioned to maintain its ideological opposition to any form of territorial compromise.

During the premier's early trips to the US last summer and fall, US officials wondered whether Netanyahu was a younger version of Sbamir with an American

NETANYAHU

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synagogue arm of the Reform

"Atmosphere positive; results negative," Yoffie said of the

Reform and Conservative rabbis'

meeting with Netanyahu. "He did

not do much to address our con-

cerns that, as a leader of the Jewish

accent. After Clinton's first encounter with Netanyahu, the president wondered aloud to those around him about Netanyahu's bravado, as the newly elected premier had spoken to the Oval Office as if he were the leader of a superpower and could dictate terms to the Palestinians.

It seems that last week's White House meeting was very different from the early encounters. If in the past Likud leaders wanted to keep the US out of the substance of the peace process because they believed this would reduce the prospects of territorial compromise, Netanyahu realizes that a new Likud post-Hebron approach in dealing with the territories requires reevaluating the role that

Having finally reached the conclusion that Oslo makes territorial compromise in the West Bank a fait accompli, Netanyahu now sees that it is critical to bring the US into the nitry-gritty of the talks. This is what he did the other day at the White House, as he presented maps of his broad outlines for a final-status deal with the Palestinians, and articulated his thinking regarding territorial compromise on the Golan, even though talks with Syria still seem far off.

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In a telephone interview yester-

day, Yoffie said: "Let him go into

my congregation and explain why

the State of Israel is doing this.

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would not bave accepted the

Only bours after Netanyahu

attended Shabbat services at an

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Jews, of all denominations."

answers he was giving."

In advance of the White House meeting, the IDF Planning branch prepared maps, outlining in blue Israel's "vital interests" to the territories, hinting that the Palestinian Authority would partially or completely control approximately 45 percent of the West Bank by the end of the interim period. Netanyahu's approach of seri-

ously involving the US in his thinking at an early stage stems from his belief that to do otherwise would isolate Israel in the upcoming final-status talks with the Palestinians. The violence that followed the opening of a new exit to the Western Wall tunnel last September graphically illustrated that without the US at Israel's side, the world is more likely to believe Arafat and not Netanyahu is the arbiter of what is and, more importantly, what is not consistent with the seeking of peace.

While nobody should expect the US to embrace all of Netanyahu's ideas, Israel can only gain if the US sees a "New Age" Likud leader, one who is not an ideologue but someone genuinely grappling with reconciling Israeli security and Palestinian needs. This will mean that Israel will not be alone as it faces the most critical talks in

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minister to attend services at a

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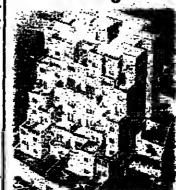
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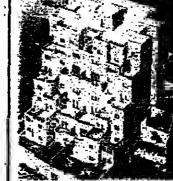
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Strike immobilizes rail travel

By DAVID RUDGE

A wildcat strike by the 1,300 employees of Israel Railways paralyzed passenger and freight services vesterday, the busiest day of

the week on the rails. The strike was called to protest plans by National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and Finance Minister Dan Meridor to restructore the railways.

Long lines built up at bus stations in the morning, swelled by thousands of soldiers returning to their bases after weekend leave and commuters who would normally travel by train. The Egged bus cooperative operat-ed extra buses to try to ease the load, espe-cially on the Haifa-Tel Aviv line.

Railways management and Histadrut leaders called on the workers to end the strike. which began on Sanurday night and has cost the railways hundreds of thousands of shekels in lost income.

The strike had been due to end at 6 last night, bot was later extended to 6 a.m. today. The workers did not say if they intended to cause any further disruptions.

Under the proposals, the railways would be separated from the Ports Authority and

split into two government companies - one dealing with passenger and freight services and the other with infrastructure and assets.

The workers fear that the restructuring would pave the way to privatization of the railways and could lead to their rights and collective agreements being eroded.

They have called on management to immediately enter into negotiations over the proposals and coordinate moves with them. Railways general-manager Amos Uzani said the wildcar strike was illegal and unnec-

essary and was harming both passengers and

He said it had been made clear to Histadrut officials and representatives of the workers last week that their rights would not be harmed under the separation plans and that management would coordinate with them.

Baruch Zaltz, head of the Histadrut's Haifa and district branch, said the union was supporting the workers in their demands to guarantee salaries and benefits in the pro-

posed changes. He criticized the strike, however, because the workers had not adhered to union procedutes and declared a labor dispute before-

Thai worker

stabbed

A Thai worker was stabbed sev-

eral times in a hothouse in the Tel

Mond area yesterday by a Palestinian worker who was appar-

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Israel Bar Association head Dror Hoter-Yishai yesterday denied tax evasion charges brought against him in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court

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The 1997 State Comptroller's Report has been completed and was submitted to the Prime Minister's Office yesterday, the State Comptroller's Office announced. The government can now begin preparing its responses and drawing up plans to correct the defects pointed out in the report, which will not be made public until May 7.

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Making the right moves

Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg learns some new steps yesterday from a Jewish youth dance troupe from Argentina, whose members are here under the agency's auspices to explore aliya options. The troupe performed yesterday in the plaza in front of the agency's headquarters in Jerusalem.

A 15-year-old suspect in the rape of a seven-ear-old-girl in Ramle several weeks ago was iden. But the bookes did not identified in the crime. On mend

year-old girl in Ramle several weeks ago was iden.

But the brother did not identify him in a line-up tiffied yesterday in a police line-up by the sid's 10 and the youth was released.

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When shown eight youths of similar height and build, the brother, without hesitating, pointed to the 15-year-old youth, who was arrested late last

and convincing them to accompany bim to a nearby field, where he beat the two and raped the girl. Earlier this mooth, a 13-year-old boy was arrested in connection with the rape and held for five

sceee of the crime, where the suspect, who fit the description given by the brother, passed by and aroused the officers' suspicions. Wheo they approached him, the suspect immediately began to defend himself, saying he bad bad oothing to do with the rape, even though the policemeo had not yet explained what they wanted from him.

The youth was arrested and remanded on Friday for seven days. Police said he has confessed to the rape and that items were found in his bome linking him to the crime.

By HAIN SHAPIRO

The tourism slump has apparently ended, but the number of arrivals is still far below the level a year ago. The Ceotral Bureau of

Statistics, which published its figures yesterday, noted that after adjustments for seasonal factors. the number of incoming tourists during December and January rose by 5 percent compared to the oumbers of those who arrived from September through November.

However, the bureau failed to note that although some 143,700 visitors arrived during January, this was 18% lower than the figure in January last year wheo some 176,000 people entered the country.

Tourism Ministry spokesperson Orly Doron said that from the end of August, the continuous decline in tourism since almost a year ago bas stabilized. Doron ooted, however, that there has yet to be an

increase. However, she added, the present indications are that tourism will be up in real terms by April, a trend which is seen by the hoteliers as well.

Ramle rape suspect is 15 Tourism

was hit by the attacker.

The youth is suspected of approaching the two children as they were playing in the schoolyard,

Shmulik Segal – little big man

By HELEN KAYE

He died the way all actors want to go, in the middle of a play. On Friday, Habimah actor Shmuel Segal had a stroke at the age of 72 while performing in a children's play in Ramat Aviv. He never regained consciousness, and died the next day at Ichilov Hospital.

h's hard to imagine our stages without Shmulik; without his including smile, without the quiet voice caressing the words so that they purred their way into our hearts. without the gentle presence. He was

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a little man, but so big. In 1950 the great Evenne Ducroux sent Segal a postcard depicting Notre Dame. "Her builders were modest, like you," he wrote.

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Zubin Mehta adored him, so did Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, and so did children in a school be performed at during the Gulf war, just to be doing my bit."

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It was as a storyteller that Segal came into his own. For years he, Shmulik Atzmon and the Shmuel Rodensky toured with Shalom Aleichem's Die Kleine Menshelach. Segal will be buried today at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

How to become a

by NICK DAWS

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Parliamentary runoffs fail in Chechnya

GROZNY, Russia (AP) - Parliamentary runoff elections apparently failed in breakaway Chechnya because of low voter turnout, according to early results yesterday.

In other developments, the new president, Aslan Maskhadov, assumed the premiership and named two members of his new

cabinet, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.
The Interfax news agency said fewer than a third of the voters in Grozny, the capital, cast their ballots, far from the required 50 percent. It gave no turnout figures for the rest of Chechnya, but voter activity in Grozny usually is higher than that of other

Police arrest hundreds of Iranian demonstrators

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Riot police broke up a protest yesterday by striking oil refinery workers in Tehran, detaining hundreds of demonstrators and taking them away in buses.

It was not clear where the workers were taken after their peaceful demonstration outside the Oil Ministry in the heart of the Iranian capital.

Unauthorized demonstrations are illegal in Iran. About 300 riot police armed with batons took positions out-

side the ministry after breaking up the demonstration. Witnesses said hundreds of workers from an oil refinery in southern Tehran converged outside the ministry early yesterday chanting "We demand our rights."

The official Islamic Republic News Agency said the workers were demonstrating against low wages. Worker representatives could not be reached to confirm the demand.

12 get up to 15 years for smuggling antiquities

CAIRO (AP) - A Cairo court yesterday sentenced 12 men, including three Britons and several Egyptian antiquities inspectors, to up to 15 years in jail for spiriting Pharaonic artifacts out of the country, a judicial source said. The men were part of a 15-member ring that was broken by

Britain's Scotland Yard and Egyptian police in 1995. They were charged with smuggling ancient papyrus, amulets and murals between June 1992 and December 1993. The Britons and two Egyptians were sentenced in absence.

Among those seotenced were four Egyptian antiquities inspectors, including Mohammed Abu el-Wafa Ahmed, a chief inspector of the nearly 5,000-year old Pharaonic necropolis of Saqqara from which several of the items were stolen.

Report two kidnapped in Venezuela

CARACAS (Reuter) - Two vacationers, one of them a US citizen, were kidnapped near Venezuela's border with Colombia by presumed leftist guerrillas, local daily El Universal reported

The two men, ideotified by military sources as Ierald Shafer from the United States and Elias Eduardo Barando from Venezuela, were snatched on Friday while on a fishing trip in the southwestern Apure state, the paper reported.

Neither Defense Ministry nor US Embassy officials were

immediately available to confirm the report. The kidnapping was the second in Apure state in three

days. Two Venezuelan oil engineers were snatched on

Tajik rebels release 5 hostages

Tajik rebel warlord released five of his 11 international hostages yesterday after the government threatened to use force to free the captives and brought troops close to his base.

The release was reported by telephone by a representative of the warlord, Bakhram Sadirov, the ITAR-Tass and the Interfax news agencies said. There was no official confirmation from the Tajik government, ITAR-Tass ooted.

Earlier yesterday, Sadirov refused to heed a government ultimatum demanding the release of the hostages, most of them United Nations workers.

Tajik government troops then tightened their grip on Sadirov's stronghold io the mouotain area of Kalainav and sent a helicopter for a reconnaissance flight over his base, said Tajik presidential spokesman Zafar Saidov.

Sadirov agreed to free five of the hostages in exchange for direct free the bostages and stop playing talks with Tajik President with human lives," he urged.

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan (AP) - A Emornali Rakhmonov, who will fajik rebel warlord released five of travel to the region today, the spokesman told ITAR-Tass.

Their agreement served to avert, at least temporarily, the possibility that the 12-day hostage drama in Central Asia will end in an armed

Saidov warned earlier yesterday that the government will be compelled to resort to force" if Sadirov fails to free his hostages. Russian government officials held satellite telephone talks with

Sadirov yesterday morning. Two Russian journalists are among the bostages. "Start freeing the hostages immediately, or bear all responsi-

bility" for the consequences, Deputy Prime Minister Vitaly Ignatenko told the warlord, according to ITAR-Tass. Ignatenko accused Sadirov of

violating earlier agreements. "Be a man, fulfill your promises,

Efforts to end the hostage crisis hit a last-minute snag on Saturday when Sadirov failed to free his bostages as promised.

The remaining hostages were to have been released when Tajik authorities allowed 28 guerrillas to rejoin Sadirov at his base 80 kilometers east of the capital Dushanbe. Sadirov's supporters were brought from neighboring Afghanistan Thursday, On Friday,

the warlord freed two female Russian journalists and their driver. in exchange for six rebel fighters. But a government official said he cut off contact with Tajik and Russian oegotiators after the remaining fighters arrived Saturday afternoon. Sadirov

resumed the talks yesterday. Tajik and Russian officials have voiced concern that the gunnen might be planning to flee their base, using the hostages as human shields and moving under cover of darkness to evade likely pursuit by

National Front mayor sworn in

National Front activist Catherine Megret smiles after being sworn in yesterday as mayor of Vitrolles, in southern France, as her husband, Bruno, looks on. Vitrolles is the fourth French municipality to fall under control of the extreme right-wing National Front, after Toulon, Orange

Peron reportedly offered fugitive Nazis safe passage

BUENOS AIRES (AP) -Former Argentinian President Juan Peron set up a team to find key Nazis and offer them safe passage to Argeotina after World War II, a Jewish historian says.

The report in yesterday's edition of La Nacion was based on research by a Jewish group that bas speot four years sifting through some 22,000 documents from the national archive.

The group has included many the documents io a book called "Project Testimony" to be published in April. A copy was giveo to the government in

"Peron's secret team oot only welcomed fugitives but also proposed candidates for admission and then seot out missions to arrange their safe passage from Europe to South America," the

group, as saying.

The report said the team includ-

ed Pierre Daye, who was sentenced to death by a Belgian tribunal in 1947 for Nazi collaboration: Jacques Marie de Mahieu, a former officer of the Waffen SS in France; and Branko Benzon, a Croatian Nazi who befriended Adolf Hitler and Hermann Goering as ambassador to Berlin for Zagreb's pro-Nazi government until 1943.

The group was headed by Rudi Freude, the son of Ludwig Freude, who was one of the Allies' most-

wanted Nazi agents in Argentina. the newspaper reported. It bas been widely debated whether Peron's 1946-55 government was ideologically

oewspaper quoted Beatriz Nazis into the country because Gurevicb, head of the research of their scientific and military expertise.

Just bow many Nazis entered Argentina is not publicly known. Among those who came was Adolf Eichmann, and former SS Capt. Ericb Priebke, who participated in a 1944 massacre of 335 civilians outside Rome. Priebke, who lived under his

own name in the Andean resort of Bariloche for more than 40 years, was extradited to Italy in 1995. He is awaiting re-trial.

Last mooth, the Simon Wiesenthal Center called for an investigatioo into claims that Peron issued some 8,000 identity papers to fugitive Nazis.

Priebke's lawyer, Pedro Bianchi, said 2,000 Nazis settled in Argentina and the rest went on to aligned with Hitler and allowed Paraguay and Bolivia.

South Korea criticizes North for shooting defector

By Moon Ihlwan

SEOUL (Reuter) - South Korean cabinet ministers accused North Korea yesterday of trying to kill a prominent defector in the South and ordered tighter security for defectors and government leaders. Home Affairs Minister Suh Chung-hwa denounced the shooting of Li Il-nam, the nephew of

North Korean leader Kim Jong-ils ex-wife, as "an assassination attempt by North Korean infiltrators," a government statement said. Prime Minister Lee Soo-sung sald a desperate North Korea appeared to be resorting to terrorist attacks after a high-level Pyongyang official sought political asylum in South Korea. He is

now stranded in the South Korean mission in China. With the shooting incident, North Korea took specific steps of retaliation it bad talked about since Hwang Jang-yops defec-tion," he told a meeting of securi-

ty-related ministers. He called the meeting as Li went into coma after being shot late on Saturday outside his home just

The meeting agreed to step up checks and search for the arrest of the culprits and strengthen security for North Korean defectors, senior government figures and political leaders," the statement issued after the emergency meeting said.

South Korean officials said Pyongyang might stage more arrected as a new proper to both Second

attacks as a warting to both Seoul and to potential asylum-seekers. South Korea placed all its police

forces on full alert, while troops searched for the gummen, they said. Tensions on the divided Korean

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peninsula bave flared since Wednesday, when Hwang Jangyop, a senior adviser to North Korean leader Kim, arrived by taxi at the diplomatic mission in China. Hwang, ranked 24th in the

Stalinist states hierarchy, would be the highest Pyongyang figure to seek asylum in the South. But furious North Korean offi-

cials waiting outside claimed Hwang was kidnapped and warned that Pyongyang would respond with force if the South compelled Hwang to go to Seoul.

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AN EMOTIONAL APPEAL FROM 19 YEAR OLD NOA ESTHER SCHWARTZ TO THOSE WHO HAVE LENT THEIR ASSISTANCE TO SAVE HER LIFE

Greetings and may G-d bless you all.

I turn to you in this emotional appeal for your assistance. Some of you know me personally, but most of you are only familiar with the story of the wonderful journey to save my life from cancer, which was detected on the eve of my Bet Mitzvaht, first in my right leg and which later spread to both my lungs. You, as guardian angels, joined us by generously helping my devoted persons and brothers provide me with the best medical treatment money can buy, emotional strength and physical stamina. Together we dimbed the steep mountain of difficult chemotherapy treatments and 10 operations in 6.5 years on my leg and lungs. I have been very fortunate, thank G-d, and at present, I arm taking my first steps on my own two leat, as a medical student.

For me, this is the realization of a dream and the answer to my prayers to the Almighty white on my soft-bed. It was at that time, that I decided that if the Almighty would grant me a full recovery from this temble disease, I would, with G-d's help, devote myself to the study of medicine. In this way, I would in't one day return to the hospital in which I was treated, this time as a medical doctor, in order to ofter quality medical treatment to those suffering, and specifically to those unfortunate children stocked heat proble disease I suffered from.

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I was at death's door, and personally experienced the meaning of sullering and grief experienced by the patient and his or her family.

I believe that with G-d's help, I will be able to be a source of encouragement and faith, and a personal example of how, with G-d's help, there is hope and a bright hitture for a child who unfortunately is stricten with a makenant disease. One must not despeir. One must fight and hope for G-d's salvation, even if the road to recovery is hard and traught with much suffering and crises.

recovery is hard and fraught with much suffering and crises.

I am about to undargo another operation on my right knee, to alleviate the exocuciating pain caused by the erosion of my knee cap by the 28cm extendible metal implent, which was developed and planted in my log at the Proyal National Orthopaetic Hospital" in London. This implant prevented the emputation of my right leg up to the middle of my thigh. This knee surgery is scheduled to be performed by Professor Marc Martans of Belgium, a world renowned specialist in knee surgery.

I still need ongoing respiratory rehabilitation, following the two senous and complier lung surgeries. I have undergone in 893 and 994, at London's "Royal Brompton Hospital" which specializes in the treatment of lung diseases. During those surgeries, half (1/2) of my right lung and a third (1/3) of my left lung were removed, due to the metastases detected in my lungs as a result of the lumor in my leg.

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assessment of my lung functioning every 4 months "Brompton Hospital" has a unique medical apparatus , the "CT Irration" which is the only machine of its kind which can perform an assessment of my micro-processes of the lung.

Two inaccurate diagnoses, which almost cost me my life, were made in Israel in 1993 and 1994, using other equipment. That is the main reason for the British physicians demand that the follow-up be performed only at the "Brompton Hospital" in London.

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He is experiencing physical and economic difficulties, at a time when I still need his assistance, his advise and devotion to my cause.

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Separatists kill 22; India

army gets special powers

after tribal separatist rebels killed 22 people in three remote villages, a "The situation is extremely volatile," said Tripura's home minister Samar Chowdhury, speaking by phone from the state capital of Agartala. "Shoot-at-sight orders have been issued to contain the violence."

CALCUTTA, India (Reuter) - The Indian army was granted sweeping

shoot-on-sight powers in the northeastern state of Tripura yesterday,

He said the army and paramilitary reinforcements had also been given powers to arrest and indefinitely detain suspects.

Chowdhury said state authorities had imposed an indefinite curfew in

the Khowai region, where yesterday's killings of 22 Bengali settlers by separatists belonging to the All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF) occurred.

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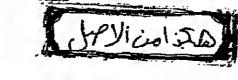
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Monodrama madness





Uri Avrahami (top) must come to grips with his son's death in 'Red Ribbons;' in 'Josephine,' Nelly Amar talks to a carp.

Tsrael's currect affairs, whether personal or public, drive the 11 plays of TheaterNetto 1997, the eighth monodrama festival which runs from March 13 -16 at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel

"The common theme to this year's plays is questions about and involvement with what's going on in this country," says artistic director Yitzik Weingarten who's running the festival for the second, and he says, final year.

All but one are original, and their subjects run the gamut from Mr. V oo coovicted spy Mordechai Vanunu by Yigal Ezrati with Yooatan Cherchi io the title role, to Call Woiting by Shula Meriddo in which come Shula Megiddo in which come-dienne Anat Barzilai has a fateful phone conversation. The other plays, all approximately an hour long, include Itai Segev as Mogic Yotom, his and Ehud Ashkenazi's adaptatioo of a story by Janusz Korczak, The Spir an evening of Orly Kastel-Blum's marvelously surrealist tales acted out hy Orna Katz, Red Ribbons by Smadar Amitai in which sad-faced Uri Avrahami has to come to grips with his soo's death while Israel celebrates its 50th, Josephine by Ravid Davara in which Nelly Amar in the title role talks to a carp, and Noya Lancet's Along the Wolls in which the past closes around Hela (Rosina Kambos) who expects a second Holocaust. TheaterNetto is both a proving

ground for the ambitious, like actor Eli Danker who's making his directorial debut with Siddown Mom, his first play hy actor Sharon Reginiano, or Orange Blossom Time written and acted by Alon Margalit, and a challenge to the well-known like Kambos and Avrahami.

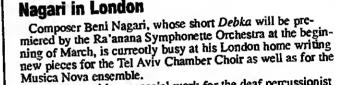
Singer Arcadi Duchin, storytelling by Yuval Meskin and an evening of monologues more or less complete the lineup. The actors compete for an NIS 10,000 prize. The festival budget of NIS 600,000 comes mainly from the Tel Aviv municipality and the Arts and Culture Anthority and the tickets are NIS 55, or NIS 40 per show if you buy by February 28.





Anat Barzilai (top) has a fateful conversation in 'Call Waiting;' Alon Margalit both wrote and acts in 'Orange Blossom Time.

Sonatina, which Dvorak wrote for his own son and daughter. Shaham recalls that "was the very first piece Gil and I discovered together ... at least 10 years ago." The Shaham duo played two recitals in Israel, one an very emotional event in memory of their father who has



of the muse

Five young film-makers received prizes of NIS 5000 each

Five young film-makers received prizes of NIS 5000 each from the Second Television and Radio Authority (STRA) in a ceremony at Tel Aviv's Eynav Cultural Center last Tuesday. The winners are Tali Bar-Ness for Two, Itai Lev for Hordonim, Tal Macz for No Rain, Hadar Friedlich for People and Yigal

The prizes were awarded by STRA franchises Reshet, Keshet and Tel-Ad, by the Authority, and by its Communications

Sixty seveo short films participated in the competition, the first of its kind, established to encourage and assure the future

The competitors came from the country's cinema and com-

The Bucharest Opera Theater is bringing Franz Lehar's The

Emmerich Kalman for a country- wide tour from February 25 to March 3 with an 80 strong cast of singers, dancers and

The stars include soprano Daniela Vladescu and tenor Dorio

Teodorescu. Both operettas are fully staged and will play in

Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Beersheba, Nazareth, Nahariya,

Netanya and Kfar Sava among others.

In the name of the father Young pianist Orly Shaham joined vio-

linist brother Gil in a recording of cham-

ber music hy Dvorak for her Deutsche

Grammophoo recording debut. One of the pieces on the new album is the

Merry Widow (1905) and Countess Moritza (1924) by

ne competitors came from the country's effects and com-munications schools and also from community television. Some of the winning films have already been shown on Channel 2's Screen Test and the others will probably be fea-

Prize-winning films

Shoham for Don't Pity Us.

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of local moviemaking.

Plenty operetta

tured on the same program.

He is also writing a special work for the deaf percussionist

Michoel Ajzenstadt

extraordinare Evelyn Gleny.
Gleny is due to make her Israeli debut in May in a solo recital at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts center and to return later to play Nagari's new opus with a local orchestra still to Michael Ajzenstadt

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died very young.

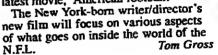
In what some might consider an imaginative piece of sentencing, a judge has ordered American rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg to record anti-violence messages for radio airplay. The messages are part of a plea bargain Snoop, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, agreed to enter into.

Broadus was acquitted last year of murder charges arising from a 1993 drive-by shooting but faced a further trial on

weapons charges.
The former L.A. Crips gang member – who acquired his nickname because of his supposed resemblance to the Peanuts cartoon character Snoopy the Dog, and who won an MTV award for best rap video with "Doggy Dogg World" - has pre-viously spent several spells in jail.

Oliver Stone investigates NFL

Oliver Stone, the moviemaker who has probed into the worlds of JFK, Nixon and others, and has also tackled vinlent topics in movies such as Platoon and Notural Born Killers, is ready to combine both investigative filmmaking and violent action in the subject matter of his latest movie, American football.





Oliver Stone

Same and the state of the state MOVIE REVIEW

The myth of 'the Big Fella' And his refusal to admit that the film might have certain contempo-

By ADINA HOFFMAN

eil Jordan's big, bloody epic, Michael Collins, takes place in that cataclysmic period of Irish history between the failed Easter Rebellion of 1916 and the assassination of Collins (played here by Liam Neeson) six years

MICHAEL COLLINS

Written and directed by Neil Jordan.
Hebrew title: Michael Collins.
138 minutes. English dialogue,
Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended With Liam Neeson, Aidan Quinn, Alan Rickman, Stephen Rea and Julia

later. Known to his comrades as "the Big Fella," Collins was the mastermind of various guerrilla tactics used by the IRA in the War of Independence against Britain, and later he served as a key member of the team that would negotiate the Treaty with England. This agreement lead to the partition of Ireland into North and South, and was considered by some a betrayal of national ideals: the brutal Civil War that resulted from the controversy claimed many lives, includ-

ing Collins's own. Harsh, beautiful and sometimes confusing, the film crams an incredibly messy and complex history into a little over two hours, a feat which is both impressive and a bit troubling. On the one hand, viewers unfamiliar with the intri-



Michael Collins (Liam Neeson, center) and his friend Harry Boland (Aidan Quinn) vie for the affections of Kitty Kiernan (Julia Roberts).

cate ins-and-outs of Irish political history are treated to a breathless but vivid crash course in the traumatic events and main players. Jordan also takes pains to fill the background of his massive canvas with subtly sketched bit parts: this attention paid to the believable. identity of passersby and men-in-apub suggests Joyce's sad, sprawling Dublin - a moody-blue, rainslicked city (photographed gorgeously by Chris Magnes) teeming

with busy individuals, all locked in the same awful fate.

On the other hand, Jordan has streamlined the plot and characters considerably in order to make the elaborate saga comprehensible as drama. You don't have to be a historian of the period to sense that the story is too tidy and cinematic to be true in certain places.

The issue is not whether these events happened exactly as outlined in the movie. The director has

stated plainly, and with admirable honesty, that be approached history here as "fiction in the making." (All epic-filmmakers are eogaged in constructing their subjects to some degree, as are biographers, bistorians and documentarists: not all are blunt enough to say so.) The problem is that by hiding behind this "just-a-story" defense in the particular, charged case of IRA history, Jordan comes uncomfortably close to revisionist mythmaking.

Rickman's halting, poker-faced portrayal of de Valera is by far the most intelligent and strangely compelling performance in the film.) How many glaring character flaws,

meanwhile, has Jordan erased in order to ensure the likability of his Major Motion Picture hero? And what, one wonders, would the world say if Warner Brothers were to suddenly release a star-studded extravaganza about the young Yitzhak Shamir and his romantic Stem Gang past, or Yasser Arafat'sz heroic beginnings?

without personally ever hurting a So, too, Collins's ootorious wom-

anizing is excised here, and his

nemesis, Eamon de Valera, is

depicted simplistically as an egotis-

tical prude. (Despite the caricature

inherent in the script, Alan

rary political ramifications is

Jordan comes to Israel

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Conductors are half-actors half-charlatans, says Swiss maestro Armin Jordan, who after several decades of a prolific career in concert halls and opera houses all over the world finally makes his Israeli debut this week, leading the Israel Chamber Orchestra in two different pro-

Jordan was able to taste acting first hand in the Hans Inrgen Syberberg film of Parsifal, Wagner's last opera, in which the conductor played the role of the wounded King Amfortas, lip syncing to the pre-

recorded voice of Wolfgang Schone. But this was not Jordan's sole role in the 1982 film. He also conducted the sound track of the film and he cherished every minute of the experience. But he does not think opera should actually even exist on the screen. Opera has a mystique which is

of singers and see the fillings in their teeth. Opera belongs on the stage.

"Many directors have shot film versions of operas in the open air, as a film, and it is not right. Opera is not a realistic art form,

That said, Jordan definitely agrees that opera is a combination of theatre and music, albeit on the stage. I hate the concept of people saying they

are going to see a concert. One hears a concert with the ears and not with the eyes. Which is why I don't like concerts on television when the camera suddenly focuses on the bassoonist for example. But opera is a combination, it's an audio-visual experi-

Speaking a mixture of German interspersed with some English, the gray-haired maestro, who has been the music director of Geneva's Orchestre de la Suisse Romande

totally destroyed when you watch close-ups for the last dozen years, believes that it is relationships with their music directors.

Before me the music director of the orchestra was Horst Stein, and before him Wolfgang Sawallisch for a decade [and before that] Ernset Ansermet, who led the orchestra for 50 years.

In order for an orchestra to have an identity it has to work with one conductor for a

long period. This [is] what happened in Berlin with Karajan or at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam with Haitink. These are orchestras who have a very easily identifiable sound. Music directors who remain only three years with an orchestra can barely achieve any real sound."

But after a dozen years Jordan is about to call it quits in Geneva at the end of the coming season. From now oo he will work as a freelance conductor, doing first and fore-

most opera starting with a new production of Porsifal in Paris this coming April. For many years Jordan was closely asso-

ciated with the French repertoire, especially the works of impressionist composers Ravel and Debussy. "I have had enough with French music.

There is a limit to how much I could do that: Now I concentrate above all on Wagner, Richard Strauss, Zemlinsky, Schreker, Schooberg and Korngold."

Jordan is full of compliments to the ICO. After a few rehearsals he commends first and foremost the orchestra's strings. "In Europe the strings are somewhat aggressive, in Germany they have a very hard sound. But here they are very beautiful with a warm soul, it is a real pleasure."

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Risks and responsibility

investigation of the terrible helicopter crash that took 73 lives on February 4 was submitted oo Friday. Though the report does not pinpoint the cause of the crash, the picture it paints is a sobering one with wide repercussions and oot just for the air force.

The public interest is best served by focusing more upon what lessons can be learned for the future, than on pinning the hlame on individuals. One must also not forget that it is not possible to eliminate risk from military service and that often, attempts to eliminate ooe series of risks open up another.

For example, the soldiers were being flown by belicopter in order to avoid the risk of roadside bombs that threaten ground convoys in Lehanon. The helicopters planned to eoter Lebanon with lights off and in formation in order to reduce the risk of an attack from the ground. Yet it was the decision to fly in formation, without lights, that helped cause the crash.

The lvry report reveals that the helicopters were operating uoder orders that were ambiguous and even conflicting, and that there were no standard procedures for when and how helicopters should confirm that their lights had been turned out before entering a bostile area. One theory is that the crash occurred wheo ooe helicopter was maneuveriog in froot of the other in order to check that its lights had been turned off.

Io response to these coocerns, the Ivry Commissioo recommeoded that transport helicopters oo similar missions should fly alooe or maintain large distances between them. The report reaffirmed existing regulations that were not followed, such as the requirement that helicopters flying in formation have a designated leader who has been trained to lead in formation. The report also recommended that clear rules be developed regarding flying without

To an outsider, the need for new rules to increase the margin of safety seems an obvious one. But even the addition of oew regulations is not risk free, oor a panacea to the problem of safeguarding the lives of soldiers.

Ofer Ben-Peretz, a belicopter pilot and founder of the air force belicopter school, told Ma'ariv that the problem is not lack of regulations, but a glut of regulations that are oot followed

As Ben-Peretz argues. "... there are too many rules. Every flight bas 40 tons of rules. The old ones are oot thrown out, and every investigatory committee adds new rules. The speer oumber of rules makes pilots small-mioded, and they lessons will be learned in the air force, the IDF, are not capable of carrying them all out." and in Israel society geocrally.

The interim report of the Ivry Commission According to Beo-Peretz, the real culprit in this accideot is a combination of overregulation and the dismissive attitude to laws and regulations in Israeli society.

"It started with the informal atmosphere in the Palmah ... ," explains Beo-Peretz, "continues with the efforts to cheat the tax authorities, the violeot way people drive, a permissive attitude toward criminality among Knesset members and so on. In Israeli society few people carefully fulfill the missions for which they bear responsibility."

Some of the families of the crash victims were disturbed by what they saw as an example of such a cavalier attitude toward rules and reguladons in the response of OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Beo-Eliahu to the report's findings. In the press conference upon release of the report, Ben-Eliahu excused the lack of uniform guidelines between different helicopter units as a part of the need to allow for the pilot's "creativity."

It is certainly legitimate to seek to avoid overregulation of pilots, particularly wheo the proferation of rules leads to a reduction in seriousness with which each rule is taken. But "creativity" is no excuse for a lack of professionalism that can have tragic consequences. The situation in questioo was oot a battlefield, where little can be predicted, but a routine transport run under reasonable cooditions.

It is dangerous to generalize from one accideot, and particularly on the basis of a preliminary investigatioo. But the picture that seems to be emerging is one of sloppiness in the Israel Air Force, rightly thought of as one of the most professional elements of the Israeli military. The coocern arises that if the oumerous irregularities cited by the Ivry report can be found in the air force, what is the state of affairs in the rest of the IDF? If part of the problem is overregulation, theo regulations should be streamlined to weed out the ones that bave not proven themselves over time.

Of course, it is bard to know bow many accidents have been prevented by a seemingly frivolous regulation. But 'adding 'new' regulations and eliminating useless ones will not address the more fundamental issue of professionalism in the IDF.

The choice between professionalism and creativity is a false one. It is oot easy to follow a sea of regulations without stifling personal initiative and the skill of making snap judgments. But success both in battle and in peace time demands oo less. The critical question is oot who pays for this accident, but whether

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RABBIS IN WONDERLAND Sir, - It is comforting to read David Forman's assurances (Fehruary 5) that Reform and Conservative conversions in Israel are "done in strict adherence to

Halacha."

If true, the transformation that has overtaken these heterodox movements is truly remarkable to behold. In America, Reform rabhis officiate at mixed marriages in churches between Jews and non-Jews; permit homosexual "rabbis" to serve in their pulpits and refuse to condemn same-sex marriages; do not follow even minimal halachic requirements for conversions; preside over congregacions where intermarriage runs to almost 70 percent; often officiate at religious services without kippa or tallit, and often do not themselves ohserve minimal Jewish halachot such as Shabbat and kashrut. The Conservative movement, though less radical, is only a few steps behind.

David Forman would have us believe that these same rahhis, once they step on the holy soil of Israel, undergo a radical transformation and become concerned with Halacha. Would that this were true. Israel is truly a magical place, but all this is stretching thiogs a bit.

(RABBI) EMANUEL

Jerusalem.

SWEDEN DURING WORLD

WAR II Sir. - I refer to Esther Abutboul's letter of February 5,

"European hypocrisy." I am somewhat reluctant to judge Sweden too harshly for trading with Nazi Germany. If they had not done so, they probably would have been occupied by the Germans, like Denmark. Unlike Switzerland, Sweden helpfully opened its borders to receive us Jews, who had to flee from Denmark. Had Sweden been occupied by the Nazis, I most

carly age. **WERNER BRAUN** Jerusalem.

probably would have died at in

Sir, - With deep respect for the suffering of the Holocaust victims, I favor every effort to improve the material living conditions of the survivors. As a Swiss, I am ashamed that, in the last decades, some of our institutions didn't take every measure necessary to reveal all relevant facts for resotution. The Swiss government or banks must take action now.

Nevertheless I cannot agree with MK Avraham Herschson who is quoted on January 16 as saying: The Germans murdered, the Swiss inherited and the world kept silent." Such simplifications help nobody to calm down and discov-er the whole truth for a real reconciliation. According to the Washington agreement of May 25, 1946, Switzerland paid SF 250 million in reparations to the Allies because it had traded in stolen Nazi gold. Did the Allies distribute this money to Nazi victims? They did not; it still lies in the safes of the US Federal Reserve Bank and the Bank of England. Meanwhile its value amounts to SF 1.2 hillioo, hut pracocally nobody speaks about that money. This is original Swiss money and it could be paid out at once just as it could have been paid out during the last 50 years. Nobody is free of failures in the whole tragedy and we should all work together and

commemorate the victims by praying for forgiveness.

MARTIN KARNER

Zurich.

WRONG ANALOGY

Sir, - Seldom does one encounter such lack of logic as in Yosef Goell's article "An urgency that cannot bear delay" (Fehruary 7). His analogy of the US fight against the Vlet-Cong with Israel's fight agaiost Hizhullah is ludicrous. The decision of the US to leave Vietnam did not represent any danger to the security of the US. There are no Viet-Cong on the

US borders. DR. JACOB ROSIN

Netanya.

NO HATE

Sir, - My old friend, Misha Louvish (Letters, Fehruary 6) misread my article on the "liberal" elite. I did oot condemn the left for criticizing the government (I myself sometimes do it), but for sabotaging it uodemocratically through exploitation of the societal position of its elite. My charges were incited by an article on this page a few days previously hy a left-wing columnist luxuriating io the power displayed by his favored elite in thwarting the will

of the majority of the nation. I wrote no "diatribe" against the Supreme Court, and indeed I have nothing but respect for all its members' legal talents. What I did do was bemoan the fact that, when sitting on the High Court of Jusõce and ruling on matters other than law, many of the justices are guided by their liberal, elitist outlooks. which often do not jibe with those

of most people of this country. Louvish hyperbolizes in calling my article a "hymn of hate" (rag-ing hull indeed), and I am not a little surprised that you picked out the phrase to head his letter. I admit that there are quite a lot of people t dislike, but "hate"? No, I don't think so.

N. DAVID GROSS

Beit Zayit.

DISRESPECT

Sir. - The whole House of tsrael is in tears and our hearts are broken as we hear the media reports on the terrible tragedy of the 73 soldiers and airmen who died in the helicopter crash.

We saw on television the special Knesset memorial session which began with a recitation of Psalms. It was amazing and very sad to see that our leadership did oot deem it necessary to cover their heads at least during these few moments of

When President Clinton visited Israel, he covered his head at our memorial services, and when Sarah Netanyahu visited the pope,

she put on a hat. J. KREINDLER Jerusalem.

Sound sleep

MICHAEL OREN

The search for ways to get back at Lebanon for all the terrible things Hizbullah has done to us and that we seemingly can't do back to Hizbullah has yielded an arsenal of nasty proposals for reveoge. These run from hombing Lebanon's power stations to mining the backyard of its presideot, Elias Hrawi.

These ideas are all fine and good in theory. In practice, they're sure

How's this for creative vengeance?

to bring the world down on our heads as fast, if oot faster, than did Israel's previous attempts at creauve vengeance, from the Litani Operation to Accountability and

Grapes of Wrath. What's worse, in such acts as cutting off Beirut's water supply (we tried that in 1982) or blowing up a couple of its airplanes (1968), we aren't even hurting the right people - the Syrians - and hurting them where it's most painful: their pocketbooks.

The search, I'll argue, has ended, with the solution almost literally under largel's cose. The answer can be summed up in one word: Poppies.

Syria, which hardly ranks among the world's financial tigers, is heavily dependent on the drug trade. Even more than terror, heroin is a major Syrian export item.

Though estimates vary from the hundreds of millions to several billion, the proceeds from this traffick-

to make their loss a virtual deathblow to Syria's fragile economy. Syrian heroin is made from poppies grown in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. The process there is the

same as elsewhere in the nar-

cotics-making world. From dried poppy seeds comes the morphine opiate from which pure heroin is then derived. From Bekaz, it's a short drive to Beirut harbor, and drug dealers and

junkies around the globe. As long as Lebanon remains outside international controls, as long as Lebanese leaders get their cut, the trade prospers and grows.

THAT IS, until the day IDF planes appear over those same Bekan poppy fields and drop - oot bombs, but... defoliants.

I'm oot talking about Agent Orange, or some of the more viniient poisons, but about little more than a garden variety herbicide, the kind osed to kill weeds, or, for

that matter, poppies. How many sorties would it take mree, six? - to wipe our the

entire crop? Though Damascus would undoubtedly cry foul play, per-haps produce several bodies as evidence of Israeli chemical attacks, the official record would show that nobody got killed, or even injured - except, of course,

Syria's ruling drug lords. And the true beauty of it would be that, with the exception of certain cartels, nobody could condemn us for it - not the US, certainly, which has conducted similar operations against poppy fields

in South America. Destroying Syria's heroin-basket would be more popular than hlast-

Dry Bones









ing the Iraqi nuclear reactor, more popular than destroying kill during air force on the ground. Israel would be giving the world a gift, and itself a potent means of reprisal.

Let's hear Assad protest when Israel prevents his beroin from reaching the children of America and Europe. Let's see Hizbullah try to attack us when the drug money that funds it has turned, literally, to dust.

Remember that scene in the

Wizard of Oz where the Wicked Wittels of the West rube but hands and cackles, "Poppies... poppies will make them sleep ... "? There's nothing that says we

can't occasionally draw inspiration from an anti-hero. Let's send those poppy fields in Lebanon to sleep.

The writer lectures on Middle

the internacional community io

These rights are not only politi-

cation, but also on the registration

of babies, the ability to work in

Jerusalem under closure, educa-

tion. National Insurance payments

involving areas like health and

pensions, travel abroad, and provi-

organizations call "quiet transfer."

However, the Ministry of the

Interior finally succumbed to pres-

process is endangered."

Who exactly is a Jerusalemite?

n an effort to convey the absurdity of Israeli residency laws Land regulations for Palestinian Jerusalemites, Attorney Leah Tsemel declared. If Bibl Netanyahu was a Palestinian, his 12-year stay in the US would have annulled his residency rights in Jerusalem.

According to the Israeli regulations for Palestinians in Jerusalem, these rights are lostafter seven years abroad.

The difference is that Netanyahu is a citizen, whereas since 1967, all Palestinian Jerusalemites, having rejected the option of Israeli citizenship, only have blue ID cards with the status of "permanent resident" according to the law of Entry into Israel (1952), and Entry into Israel regulations (1974).

The language sounds odd, since these 160,000 Palestinian Jerusalemites didn't "enter Israel," but were born and/or bred in the city, often going back many generations

Up to 1995, reentry visas were issued to Palestinian East Jerusalemites living abroad (including the West Bank), valid for one to three years. Since 1994, the Ministry of Interior, basing itself on a High Court decision, has demanded proof that Jerusalem is the applicant's "center of life" as a condidon in all family reunification cases.

Research by the Center for the Defense of the Individual raises

DAN LEON

fears that the forms proving "center of life require a near-languestble degree of documentation.

Unable to build in Jerusalem because most of their land was expropriated from 1967, Palestinians were compelled by the housing shortage to move into the outskirts of Jerusalem, which are outside the municipal borders

the Jerusalem hranch of the Ministry of the laction, 10,000 Jerusalem reunification requests remain unattended, without the the applicants being informed.

WHO is a Jerusalemite? Interviewed in Orient House, Husseini doesn't conceal his bitter resentment against policies

Faisal Husseini doesn't conceai his bitterness over policies 'which treat us

as foreigners in our own capital'

and Al-Ram). Now, to remain Jerusalemites. prove that they work, educate their children etc. ("ceoter of life") in that same Jerusalem where they couldn't find a place to

The Jerusalem weekly Kol Ha'ir estimates that present policies could lead to the withdrawal of at least half of the present oumber of Palestinian Jerusalem ID cards. Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini puts the oumber already revoked at over 1,000.

Another absurdity: With the family reunification work frozen because of the 1995 investigation of bribery and corruption in the

(places like Abu Dis, Al-Azariya "which treat us as foreigners in. our own capital. When we tried to build in Jerusalem, our bouses ese same people would need to were demolished. So we went to live in the outskirts.

> Palestinian Jerusalemites is jeopardized. We will defend them, come what may." Husseini sees Israeli policies

> toward Palestinian Jerusalemites as a blatant contradiction of the Oslo Accords. When the subject of Jerusalem (and not only East Jerusalem, he

stresses) was held over for the final status negotiations, unilateral action on the issue was forbidden. "If the Israelis force our hand through taking our land and our ID cards, we will mobilize public

sion, at age 16, of ID cards for children. The authorities have been understandably reluctant to provide figures for the oumber of IDs revoked according to the new policies, which buman rights

"Now the status of these January 1997, to give some of the figures, as loog as the work involved is paid for. Officials dealing with the subject dismiss accusations of dis-

crimination, claiming that everything is in order. In reply, Ms. Kathleen Riley from the US Consulate in Jerusalem said, "Its like you tell your neighbor to stop beating his

> doesn't have a dog at all." The author is co-managing edi-

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Now we are in a race to create facts on the ground. And since the only thing Oslo really prohibits in

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tor of the Palestine-Israel Journal.

Museum exhibit that sums it all up

There's a small museum in the middle of the Cardo in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City which puts the current struggle over Jerusalem in context.

"The Last Day" is a display of a series of photographs taken in 1948 as the Jews were assembled and expelled from Jerusalem. Among the smiling Arab faces are the relatives of some of today's leaders, including Paisal Husseini. The museum also prominently

displays some "before" and "after" shots, so the visitor can get an impression of the bustling Jewish Quarter with its many impressive synagogues and public buildings, destroyed after the Jews were driven out.

The Arabs' destruction of the Jewish Quarter and use of Jewish tombstones from the Mount of Olives as building material was just another chapter in their ongoing struggle against the Jewish people for the same piece of real estate, a struggle which started well before 1948.

As part of it, the Arabs did everything they could to block Jews from reaching the Promised Land, or gaining a foothold there.

Before 1948 they also fought fiercely to deny Jews everything but a minimal presence at the "Wailing Wall." They didn't even allow them to blow the shofar there at the end of Yom Kippur (a ban Palestinian Authority Minister of Wakf and Religious Affairs Hassan Tahboub wants to reinstate, so the Jews won't

"disturb" Moslem services). During the period of Jordanian occupation from 1948 to 1967, all Jews were barred entry into the entire Old City.

When the Arabs failed to destroy

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the Jewish state in 1967 and instead found themselves facing an Israel with lines extending to the Jordan River, the representatives of the Wakf on the Temple Mount prepared for the worst.

But Israel didn't pay the Arabs back in kind. The city was not cleared of Arabs and, Mordechai Gur's memorable The Temple Mount is in our hands" notwithstanding, Moshe Dayan made h clear to the Wakf that the mount remained firmly in its hands.

Arab residents of Jerusalem. Those who take Israeli citizenship retain that status for the rest of their lives, regardless of where they live. Israel went a step further, allowing Arab Jerusalemites to vote in

The offer still stands today to the

municipal elections even if they had refused Israeli citizenship. When one considers the many divergent groups that make up the ruling coalition in City Hall, one

can only imagine the associated political power and benefits Arab

Israel has been generous to the Arabs. But there are limits to what it can do

Today Arafat's appointees incite the masses against Israel in their Friday sermons broadcast by the Palestinian media from the Temple Mount, in gross violation of the Oslo Accords.

THE struggle is not over. And it is expressed in demographics as much as in land. Arabs and Jews both encourage high fertility rates ("internal migration"), and Jews promote aliya.

Yet despite the high stakes, Israel's commitment to an asymmetrical treatment of the Arabs in this conflict continues.

When Israel liberated east Jerusalem, it did not drive the Arabs across the Jordan River. Instead, it offered them full Israeli citizenship, with the right to vote and be elected

to the Knesset.

Jerusalemites might have enjoyed all these years had they opted to participate in the process. But they have preferred to wait for the Jews to leave - or be driven out. Yes, Israel has been generous to

the Arabs: but there are limits to what any people engaged in a struggle for its survival can be expected to do for the benefit of its opponent. So while Jews are allowed dual citizenship in order to encourage as

many as possible to join the Jewish

state. Arabs are not afforded this

luxury. Those Arabs who refused Israeli citizenship were allowed to stay, but were made subject to the same restrictions as any other permanent resident. Among those restrictions, which apply to all "permanent residents," is a rule that they must

maintain their "center of life" in

terms of not changing the situation is additional Israeli annexations or the declaration of a Palestinian state, much can be done. The Arab world is pouring many millions of dollars into buying property and building in Jerusalem

Jews are also trying to solidify their stand in the city. And as part of this "race," Israel is exercising its legal right under a law which has been on the books since 1974 to decy residency to Arabs who refused to become citizens and left Jerusalem for seven years or more.
The Arabs of Jerusalem have

another option. Noted Arah journalist Daoud Kottab recently wrote on his Internet Home Page that the only options left for Palestinians are independence in a free and sovereign [Palestinian] state or integration [into Israel] with full political rights." The Arabs of Jerusalem can already exercise the integra-

tion option. Is it fair? Some might call it too fair, others not fair enough. But when I recall the photographs in that small museum in the Cardo and try to imagine what would have happened had we lost the war in

1967, I must say, quite frankly, that I sleep well at night. writer directs IMRA (Independent Media Review &

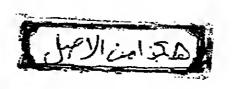
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Weekly Review

The Real Caribbean: Paradise Stops At the Beach's Edge

The cruise ship Bolero drops off passengers at St. John's Harbor in Antigua every other week, but few of them venture beyond the duty-free shops and bars. They won't see the one-room wooden shacks beyond the beaches.

By LARRY ROHTER

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua T is a deliciously sunny Saturday morning at the peak of the tourist season, and at Heritage Quay here, hundreds of passengers are being disgorged from a pair of towering craise ships into shops and restaurants with names like Smoke & Booze or Rasta Pasta. As a band serenades the visitors with a reggae version of "Mr. Bojangles," a middle-aged American suddenly begins to dance with a T-shirt vendor. "Did we mention that this is paradise?" asks one of the brochures handed to arriving tourists.

Or so it seems to outsiders. Yet this is also the place that the novelist Jamaica Kincaid, who grew up here, describes as a "monument to rottenness," an island nation barely the size of Queens that has been dominated for half a century by a single family whose doddering patriarch "perhaps by now thinks that the government is his own business." And what about that mysterious electronic listening post, bristling with antennas, radar and satellite dishes, that the American military operates just across from the airport where the charter flights from Chicago and Manchester land?

Beneath its frequently bland and cheerful surface, the Caribbean is a place long haunted by intrigue, malfeasance and poverty — and by the unyielding hopes of generations of people who have fought back against

the buccaneers who surround them. More often than not, though, that reality remains invisible to the 15 million visitors who come from North America and Western Europe each season.

What Tourists Don't See

Seeking sun and relaxation, they usually leave without having made contact with the small, tightly knlt societies they are visiting or with the problems those islands must confront on a daily basis. For casual visitors, the only inconvenience likely to arise is that their hotel or travel arrangements may be disrupted, as occurred last week when the threat of a strike by American Airlines pilots led to the cancellation of scores

of flights before President Clinton stepped in to order a 60-day reprieve.

"From what I've seen, it's just a lot of shops," said Ed Vrabel, a passenger from Hickory, N.C., whose cruise ship was on its way from St. Lucia to St. Martin. "All these islands seem pretty much the same, and none of them look as nicely kept as we're used to in the States."

For the 63,000 people of Antigua, the central fact of their lives is the Bird family dynasty, which has controlled the politics and economy of this island 250 miles east-southeast of Puerto Rico ever since Vere C. Bird founded the Antigua Labor Party in the mid-1940's, when Antigua began a slow transition from British rule to

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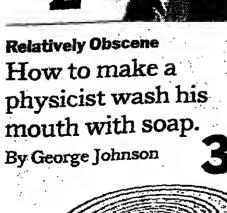
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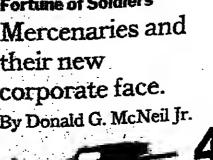


Relatively Obscene How to make a physicist wash his mouth with soap.



Fortune of Soldiers Mercenaries and their new corporate face. By Donald G. McNeil Jr.





On Balance

Deficit: Public Enemy No. 1, It's Not

By DAVID E. ROSENBAUM

WASHINGTON S the Senate last week debated a proposed constitutional amendment to require a balanced Federal budget, the Senators in favor would not let the opponents forget where the public

"Between 68 and 78 percent of the American people bave always been for this balanced budget amendment," Senator Orrin G. Hatch of Utah declared on the floor. "They come from all walks of life, from every group."

The balanced budget amendment, of which Senator Hatch is chief sponsor, is a central part of Republican doctrine. It would require the budget to be balanced by 2002 or two years after the amendment was ratified by the necessary three-fourths of the states, whichever would come later. The requirement could be walved only by threefifths majorities in the Senate and House of Representatives.

Mr. Hatch's assessment of the public's view has been conventional wisdom here for years. Politicians were thought to be risking their political skins if they dared vote against the constitutional amendment

Opinion polis seemed to bear out that perception. In a CBS News poll released Feb. 4, 76 percent of those surveyed said "yes" when they were asked, "Would you favor or oppose a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution that would require the Federal Government to balance its budget by the year 2002?"

Bul a close examination of the evidence indicated that the conventional wisdom may be wrong. When the question was framed differently, people came down against changing the Constitution, Last month, this question was asked in the latest New York Times/CBS News poll: "Do you think re-

quiring the Federal Government to balance the budget is the kind of issue you would like to change the Constitution for, or iso't balancing the budget that kind of issue?"

The counterintuitive result: 39 percent said they would change the Constitution, but 49 percent said it was not that kind of issue. Linda DiVall, a Republican pollster, said the finding was consistent with her experience. "People agree in priociple we should move toward a balanced budget," she said. "But once the Constitution is brought into

play, people say: 'Wait a minute. Why do we

need to bring the Constitution into it? Why

No one seems to have lost a seat last year just because he voted against a balanced budget amendment.

can't the politicians work it out them-

This may be why, despite all the threats of retribution, no member of Congress seems to have lost a seat in last year's election for voting against an almost identical constitutional amendment in 1995. That measure was adopted in the House then but fell ooe vote short in the Senate of the two thirds majority needed to change the Constitutioo.

Whatever the value of balancing the budget, the matter does not appear to be high on the public's list of prioritles. When Mark Penn, one of President Clioton's chief pollsters, asked voters right after

last November's election what the most

important issues were to them, only 9 percent said a balanced budget was. All this may explain, at least in part, why politicians who have stuck their necks out in recent years to lower the budget deficit have often fared poorly in the next election. For in-

stance: 9ln 1985, Republican Senators took the lead in pushing through Congress the Gramm-Rudman tegislation, which was supposed to lead to a balanced budgel by 1991. In the 1986 election, Republicans lost control of the Senate.

4In 1990, President George Bush bit the bullet on raising taxes and got a budget enacted that included strict limits on spending. The effect was a substantially lower deficit than would otherwise have been the case. Mr. Bush, of course, lost the Presidency two years later.

91n 1993, President Clinton set aside a slew of campaign promises and persuaded most Democrats in Congress - against their best judgment, in many cases - to support a budget that included a further tax increase and more spending limits. Every Republican in Congress voted against it. In 1994, Democrats lost control of the House and Senate, and no Republican lawmaker running for re-election was defeated.

Then last winter, the Republicans in the House accepted the longest Government shutdown in history rather than compromise on their budget-cutting measures. Their popularity plummeled, and 20 Republican representatives lost their seats in last

year's elections. Robert D. Reischauer, the former director of the Congressional Budget Office, offers this maxim: "No good budget deed goes unpunished."

One reason, of course, is that people find the notion of balancing the budget less appealing when they discover that it means

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The New York Times CBS NEWS Poll

Mixed Messages

In gauging the public's desire to balance the Federal budget, it depends on now the question is framed

"Would you lavor or oppose a balanced budgel amendment to the Constitution that would require the Federal Government to balance its budget by the year 2002?"

CBS News poll taken Jan 30-Feb.1, 1997.

"Do you think requiring the Federal Government to balance the budget is the kind of issue you would like to change the Constitution for, or isn't balancing the budget that kind of issue?"

Change Constitution

Not that kind of issue

New York Times/CBS News poll taken Jan. 14-17, 1997.

"If you had to choose, would you prefer balancing the Federal budget or preventing Social Security from being significantly cut?"

Balance budget

Prevent Social Security cuts

New York Times/CBS News poll taken

Based on nationwide telephone surveys.

The New York Times

If a Republican Seizes the Center, Watch Out

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

OR anyone trying to assess the state of the Democratic Party, the best place to look may not be Washington where President Clinton just had the rare pleasure, for a Democrat, of celebrating re-election to the White House - but in New York City.

A mayoral election is taking shape in this most Democratic of cities, and the contest so far suggests that the health of the Democratic Party is much worse than it seemed when measured by Mr. Clinton's victory last November, The Democratic Party in New York City - historically a source of party icons and national ideas - is stumbling at the Mayoral starting line. It is wrestling with the likelihood that for the first time in 60 years, a Republican mayor, Rudolph W. Giuliani, will be re-elected by running as a Republican.

And while some of that has to do with the specific circumstances of New York (particularly, Mr. Giuliani's incumbency and political resourcefulness, a declining crime rale and a strong economy), it is also a measure of the sickness of the city's Democratic Party — and, by extension, the ill health of the Democratic Party across the

'Type A'

Nothing dramatized this better than the announcement last week by the former Mayor, David N. Dinkins, who lost to Mr. Gluliani in 1993, that he would not challenge Mr. Giuliani again. Few people really expected Mr. Dinkins, who is 69, to run, and polls suggested that had he tried, he would not have succeeded. But it was a reminder to Democrats of what is wrong for them in New York. Here was a voice from the past who, with a few sentences, instantly obscured four people who have spent much of the past few years preparing to run for Mayor.

And Mr. Dinkins did that with a political message that - if forceful in its denunciation of Mr. Giuliani (he described the Mayor as a "Type A personality") — contributed little to the ideological evolution of the party itself. By the end, the reaction which greeted Mr. Dinkins' near-entry into the race suggested that in groping for a challenger to Mr. Giuliani, the party was profoundly unhappy with the existing field.

The election is still nine months away, and this is New York. But the episode served as a reminder that the party of Roosevelt, Koch and two Cuomos has this year produced what appears to be a cast of candidates with relatively little new to say. It is, arguably, not any Democrat but Mr. Giuliani who is mak-



Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani at City Hall. Behind him is a portrait of Henry Clay. One of them is known as the Great Compromiser.

Ing the New Democratic case - preaching one day io favor of Immigration and the next against Newt Gingrich. He has left very little breathing room for the Democratic field in New York. If Mr. Clinton's rightward shift showed that centrist Democrats can make inroads against the conservative Republican tide, Mr. Giuliani's success in a city where Democrats outnumber Republicans by almost five to one suggests even greater potentlal power in centrist Republicanism.

"New York is the perfect example of what should be frightening the Democratic Party," sald Deborah (Arnie) Arnesen, a Democrat and former New Hampshire state Representative and unsuccessful candidate for Congress in 1996. "If they can't figure out what to say even there, then something is really wrong. We have to evaluate what is happening."

There are some Democrats who argue that their weakness so far in the mayoral race is a local phenomenon, the latest spasm from a party still trying to emerge from the long shadows of Edward I. Koch and Mario M. Cuomo. And a few Democrats argue against drawing national lessons from New York, insisting that the more Instructive lesson was Mr. Clinton's victory last Novem-

But Mr. Clinton's re-election was not based on championing either old or new Democratic ideas. And while Mr. Clinton was winning the White House, Democrats were losing seats in the Senate, and their gains in the House owed much to the unpopularity of Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker. The more meaningful election might well turn out to have been that of 1994, when Republicans took control of the House.

Even optimistic Democrats view these times as transitional. "We're still getting up off the floor after 1994," said Michael S. Dukakis, the Democratic party's unsuccessful candidate for President in 1988. "But I think there's a great opportunity here," All of which explains why what's going on

in New York is so potentially Important. It is a city that bas always been "a bellwether in Democratic politics," said David C. King, an associate professor at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. The field for the September Democratic

primary is made up of four people. The two leaders are Borough Presidents Ruth W. Messinger of Manhattan and Fernando Ferrer of the Bronx. Two others - the Rev. Al Sbarpton and City Councilman Sal F. Albanese of Brooklyn — are considered long shots.

The early maneuverings of the front-runners are instructive of the party's plight: Both have devoted considerable energy to shedding the liberal Democratic label.

Ms. Messinger was once identified with many New York liberal causes of the 1970's and 1980's. Now she resists any attempt at

ideological identification. As she backs away from such long-held positions as her support for regulating commercial rents, she argues that the causes she took up in the past reflected the times and the Upper West Side district she represented in the City Council.

.Mr. Ferrer did Ms. Messinger one better. He began his campaign by renouncing his lifelong opposition to the death penalty (an issue that bas nothing to do with being Mayor, but often a lot to do with winning the job). He has also made of point of his opposition to certain forms of late-term abortions.

In New York, Giuliani is playing the role of New Democrat.

The candidates and Mr. Dinkins, who endorsed Ms. Messinger last week, have described last week's events as a transformation. "It represents a new day in politics," Mr. Sharpton said. "There is nobody in this primary that is connected to the old 60's type of liberal Democratic coalition. It's almost a passing of the torch to another generation."

But it is unclear exactly what is being passed, and to whom, Mr. Ferrer and Ms. Messinger have done little beyond attempting to step on their own roots. If there are any new ideas about what Democrats should be doing about governing, or even winning elections, they have yet to be heard.

It is in this environment that Mr. Giuliani has shaped a distinctive political personality, blending fiscal conservatism, crime-fighting and emphasis oo improving the quality of life in New York.

Sending a Message

In that regard, he has been much more active than Mr. Clinton. But like Mr. Clinton, be has blurred party labels, taking the endorsement of the Liberal Party and stressing his support for issues like abortion rights.

So the Democratics might end 1997 finding little of value coming out of the political laboratory of New York. By contrast, Mr. Giuliani's political experiments appear to be doing well - should Republicans political leaders, who have never liked him very much, chose to take a look next November.

"Gluliani is a message to his party," said Ms. Arnesen , the New Hampshire Democrat, "It Is: 'Look what's bappening in a traditional Democratic enclave. I'm winning and they can't even figure but how to run against me."

Watch That Air Bag

When Safety Devices Bite Back

By MATTHEW L. WALD

WASHINGTON HE Air National Guard F-16 flying near Atlantic City thought it was swooping in unobserved on a Nations Air Boeing 727 on Feb. 5. Instead, it set off computerized anti-collision alarms in the passenger jet's cockpit, and the civilian pilot's emergency maneuvers - a steep dive, then a climb - threw three people to the floor of the passenger cabin,

The alarms were meant to increase safety, to prevent mid-air collisions, but instead they creared risk. The F-16, for that matter, was also built to keep Americans safe from risk, but from foreign threats, not domestic airliners. Technology, on a good day, is used to make

products saler - irons that turn themselves oil, automobile brakes that prevent skids and car phones that make it easier to call for help. Car phones may be useful after accidents, but, as statistics released last week showed, they might actually be the cause of some accidents. When safety technology presents its own threat, it's the cloud around the silver lining: sometimes adding safety features doesn't really make

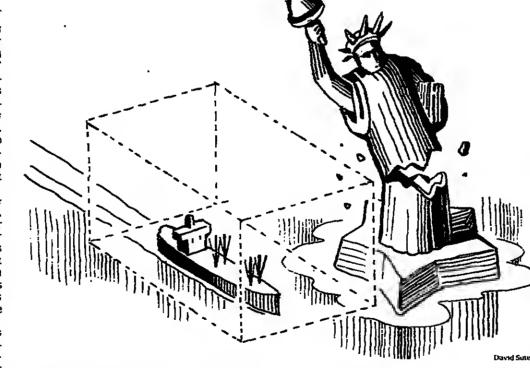
The aviation industry is wondering about this paradox, and not just in its anti-collision systems. Precision navigation poses another problem. In the middle of the ocean, there is no radar coverage. When jets are flying over those radarless areas, each is assigned to a different block of space. For years, air traffic controllers say, if two planes were assigned to the same block by mistake it probably wouldn't matter. Navigation instruments were so imprecise that it was unlikely they would really be near each other.

Too Precise

Now, with the precision of the global positioning system - a halo of satellites launched by the Pentagon and widely used by civilians - each plane is precisely at the center of its assigned track, and two planes might follow instructions closely enough to collide.

The hazards of the new precision are not limited to aviation. In New York Harbor, ships are also equipped with instruments that navigate by the global positioning system. But the ships cannot rely completely on this system because it does not match existing charts' rendition of where channels and bulkheads are. A pilot who uses a precise computer-generated map to navigate but who also looks out the window for landmarks will discover that if he really knows where he is, then the Statue of Liberty, obstructions and channels are in the wrong place by several vards.

A little knowledge coupled with precise technolog, can sometimes be a problem. For example, automobile air bags have crouched patiently for years in dashboards and steering wheel hubs. ra lean aut at un ta 200 miles per hour to



intercept a human face racing towards an unvielding automobile part. For years those air bags made everyone feel safer, until a few air bags hit children hard enough to kill them. Now everyone feels unsale again.

All these events seemed to touch a nerve, even among professionals: pilots and controllers, in the two days after the first F-16 incident, reported two other events of fighters in the wrong place. These reports, experts say, were probably more indicative of heightened sensitivity, or maybe chance, than of an actual epidemic of wayward fighter locks.

"People are particularly outraged when things designed to make them safe make them at risk." said Peter M. Sandman, a risk consultant based in Newton, Mass. In the case of the F-16 incident. both the anti-collision system on the civilian jet and the fighter plane itself were supposed to keep people safe. "The idea that something designed to help you winds up hurting you triggers that infantile how-dare-you-you're-supposed-to-be-on-my-side response." he said.

Flying is still the salest commercial mode of travel, and with the introduction in recent years of wind-shear detectors, better engines and other advances, it has never been safer. But no one likes a safety device that adds risk, even if it adds a net benefit. And aviation is an area in which everyone's risk perception is what Mr. Sandman gently referred to as "non-statistical." When passengers feel they are not in control they become extremely risk-averse, he said. And the public has a low tolerance for any such risk.

This comes at a time when the Air Force is facing its own problems. One is that the Air Force is struggling with the rest of the Pentagon lor its image and its slice of the national budget in these years of peace. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg. Democrat of New Jersey, an aviation buff and member of the Intelligence Committee. quickly asked the Pentagon to justify the Air National Guard's training activities.

And the event recalled, however peripherally, T.W.A. Flight 800, which exploded last July in circumstances that still have not been explained. In that vacuum, the idea that the accident was caused by "friendly fire" from an American plane continues to reverberate, even though there is no evidence for a missile of any kind.

Ultimate Safety

Pilots say that warplanes in training drills do sometimes use their radars to lock onto passing civilian flights, although the Air Force maintains that this was not what was happening with last week's 727 encounter; the Air Force simply was Irving to find out what the other plane was.

The ultimate salety features on planes, though, are the people who fly them. One cause of apprehension is the image of Air National Guard pilots as reckless weekend warriors with top gun fantasies, the opposite of stable airline pilots. In fact, the F-16 pilot that got too close to the 727 was not a weekend warrior but a full time instructor. In that he differed from most Guard pilots: they are airline pilots, mounlighting.

The Deficit Isn't Public Enemy No. 1

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they have to pay higher taxes or lose Government services they enjoy.

For example, the same surveys that have shown over the years that the public strongly supports the balanced budget amendment have also found that the public opposes such an amendment by a large margin if they believe it would lead to lower Social Security benefits. In a New York Times/CBS News

poll in October 1995, people were asked, "If you had to choose, would you prefer balancing the Federal budget or preventing Social Security from being significantly cut?" Only 27 percent favored balancing the budget: 69 percent favored maintaining Social Security benefits. Two years ago, Democrats in Con-

gress seized on the Social Security issue to create just enough opposition to block the amendment. They may be succeeding again this year.

Last week, Republican leaders in the House of Representatives postponed further action on the constitutional change indefinitely when they realized they might not have enough votes to get their amendment out of the Judiciary Committee, much less have it adopted on the floor. The leaders said they were hoping Senate approval would create momentum for the measure in the House.

much in doubt. Senators in both parties agree that the outcome hinges on the votes of three freshman Democrats who have not announced their position: Tim Johnson of South Dakota, Mary L. Landrieu of Louisiana and Robert G. Torricelli of New Jersey. Assuming all other senators vote as expected, two of the three freshmen must support the amendment to reach the necessary twothirds majority.

With the budget deficit last year the smallest since Ronald Reagan became President, some lawmakers may feel less pressure than they once did to pass a constitutional amendment.

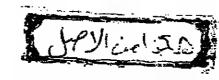
But if the measure does fail, it will probably not be on the merits but on the politics. Members of Congress may have discovered that voting against It is not the poison pill they once thought it was.

"This is just not a do-or-die litmus test issue for most voters," said Geoffrey Garin, who has conducted polls for dozens of Democratic politicians in recent years.

That was certainly the experience of Senator Kent Conrad, a Democrat from North Dakota, who cast what was seen as the swing vote against the amendment two years ago. "When I played a central role in defeating the last one," Senator Conrad said last week, "my numbers



President Clinton's proposed budget, in the spotlight earlier this month.



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What a Physicist Finds Obscene

By GEORGE JOHNSON

TEPHEN HAWKING has never been known as a particularly prudish man. Once, about 20 years ago, he agreed to give his fellow physicist Kip Thorne a one-year subscription to Penthouse magazine if a certain black hole, believed to be lurking in the constellation Cygnus, turned out to really

In 1990, Dr. Hawking rolled into Dr. Thorne's office in his wheelchair and conceded the bet. Whether the black hole was unequivocally real remained unproven. But Dr. Hawking believed that the indirect evidence bad become overwhelming.

Last week it was announced that he lost another wager about the cosmos. But this time the stakes were much higher. While Penthouse pictures may not have offended Dr. Hawking, the possibility that the universe might harbor a more fundamental kind of oudity - what physicists call a naked singularity - shocked him to the

A singularity is a tear in the fabric of space and time where the laws of physics break down and anything is possible. A naked singularity, which Dr. Hawking had bet cannot exist, would be particularly embarrassing, for it might allow space and time to become so hopelessly scrambled that people could travel back into the past and kill their own parents — mess with history, or interfere with the time line, as they say on "Star Trek:

In the 1960's Dr. Hawking himself, collaborating

with his British colleague Roger Penrose, demonstrated that singularities indeed exist inside black holes. But these "clothed" singularities are not considered so

terribly obscene. Since a black hole sucks in everything around it, including light, its interior is sealed off from the rest of the universe. Nothing that happens inside a black hole matters to the outside world. What you can't know won't hurt you - a cherished principle of physics. But a naked singularity — one unshielded by a black hole — would be a sign of cosmic anarchy, an affront to the notion of

Cover That Naked Singularity

Declaring that "naked singularities are an anathema and should be prohibited by the laws of classical physics," Dr. Hawking in 1991 bet Dr. Thorne and another physicist, John Preskill, £100 (then worth nearly \$200) that these abominations cannot possibly occur. The loser also agreed "to reward the winner with clothing to cover the winner's nakedness." The clothing was to be embroidered with "a suitable concessionary message." Because Lou Gehrig's disease is causing Dr. Hawking's motor control to degenerate, be signed the agreement with a

Dr. Hawking, author of the best-selling book, "A Brief History of Time," is probably the most famous physicist in the world — a tribute to his genius as both a theoretician and a self-promoter, Dr. Hawking has let it be known that he was born on the anniversary of Galileo's death (a coincidence of great astrological significance)

and that he holds the very same chair at Cambridge University that Isaac Newton once did. Many colleagues, who admire the way Dr. Hawking has overcome his handicap to do important theoretical work, were nonetheless dumbfounded to see him billed on the jacket of "A Brief History of Time" (Bantam) as "the most brilliant theoretical physicist since Einstein."

Not even Dr. Hawking's messy personal life seems to have tarnished his image. In 1995, after divorcing his wife of 26 years, he married his nurse - who left her husband, the man who had built the electronic keyboard that keeps the paralyzed Dr. Hawking's feelings and ideas from being trapped in their own black hole. No one knew better than Dr. Hawking that earthly laws and contracts can be beot and overturned at will. But the universe must be held to a higher standard.

Dr. Hawking didn't doubt that black holes themselves existed. His first bet with Dr. Thorne was something of a publicity stunt. Had black holes turned out to be a fantasy. Dr. Hawking would have received a four-year subscription to Private Eye, the British satiric magazine, as consolation for the large career investment he would have squandered in theorizing about them.

Though evidence of black holes is necessarily indirect, they are logical consequences of Einstein's general theory of relativity. When a star runs out of nuclear fuel, it should succumb to the pull of its own gravity, contracting into a dense burnt cinder. But if the star is massive enough to begin with, it will keep right on collapsing. The star will contract into a point of infinite density, where time and space are ripped to pieces and causality breaks down - a singular place indeed.

It was Dr. Penrose who proposed what is known as the "cosmic censorship" hypothesis: singularities must be "decently hidden," as Dr. Hawking once put it, in places where they cannot be seen by physicists or anyone else in the law-abiding universe.

Dr. Hawking was forced to concede the bet after a computer simulation by Matthew Choptuik of the University of Texas in Austin showed that under very rare and contrived circumstances a black hole might collapse in such a way that its singularity would be exposed, stripped for all to see. But the chances are so slender that Dr. Hawking still insists that "nature abhors a naked singularity." That was the supposedly concessionary message he had embroidered on T-shirts for Dr. Thorne and Dr. Preskill. And he hasn't yet paid the £100.

Having lost on a technicality, Dr. Hawking immediately placed another bet - that there is no general way that these obscenities could form.

Someone Needs a Bookie

In fact Dr. Hawking has apparently placed so many wagers that he may need a bookie to keep track of them all Dr. Thorne, in his book "Black Holes and Time Warps: Einstein's Outrageous Legacy" (Norton, 1994), says that Dr. Hawking offered to bet that something called "the chronology protection conjecture" is true, Even if a naked singularity can exist, this principle would insure that time travel is impossible, even in principle, that nature abhors a time machine. This, Dr. Hawking said, would "keep the world safe for historians." Dr. Thorne wasn't willing to take the bet.

The Real Caribbean: Where Paradise Stops

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independence, which came in 1981. Over time, and increasingly, his critics charge, Mr. Bird and his sons, including Lester, the current Prime Minister, have made Antigua a haven for fast-buck artists and con men of every stripe; meanwhile, the critics say, the Birds use their own share of the loot to maintain themselves in power.

In 1990, for instance, Vere Bird Jr., the Minister of Public Works and Communication, was implicated in a scheme to smuggle arms from Israel to the Medellin drug cartel in Colombia. The result was an international scandal, his resignation and street protests in which demonstrators carried placards demanding that "The Birds Must Go!" - but no prison sentence. It later emerged that in the 1970's Antigua had also diverted shipments of Canadian 155-millimeter howitzers to South Africa for use by its troops against Cuban forces in Angola.

Then, in 1995, another Bird brother, Ivor, was fined \$75,000 after being caught with a 25-pound shipment of cocaine as he boarded a plane at the airport, which is named for his father. Last year, American officials expressed concern that organized crime groups from Russia had opened offshore banks here to launder billions of dollars in profits from arm sales, drug trafficking, extortion and prostitution. Even more recently, companies promoting gambling over the Internet have begun springing up bere. "Any unregulated activity quickly finds

itself with Antigua as its prime headquarters," said Tim Hector, who is an editor of The Outlet, one of the few news publications here that the Birds do not control, and an opposition member of the Senate. Antiguan politics, he added, are "the politics of greed," offering "infinite opportunities for corruptioo" and engendering a cynicism among the population that spills over into tourism, which accounts for more than half of the country's income and employment.

"Local people are asking where is their stake in the economy," Mr. Hector said. "They read that the average per capita income here is more than \$6,000 [U.S.] a year, and they know they aren't making that kind of money themselves. What they see is



Tourists gaze down at English Harbor in Antigua. The harbor is popular with private yacht owners because it is far away from where the cruise ships tie up.

The ruling family treats Antigua as its own cash machine.

has come with the money economy." As visitors are often surprised to discover, the Caribbean is full of morally conservative societies often appalled by what they see as the licentiousness of their visitors and the complicity of their own rulers. Barbados, the most prosperous and content of the eastern tourist islands, is probably the best example of that sort of rectitude. But other islands, among them Antigua, forbid topless or nude bathing as well, and their residents seethe when moneyed tourists blithely ig-

the corrosion of beliefs and standards that

look the other way (or sometimes stare). Those islands, like Antigua, that have casinos grudgingly allow their citizens to work there, but most prohibit them from entering after work hours to gamble their money. At the moment, one of the most contentious issues on the handful of islands that remain under British rule, such as the Cayman, Turks and Caicos and British Virgin islands, is London's effort to extend legisla-

nore those regulations and the local police

tion that legalizes homosexual acts between consenting adults. "You can't dictate sexual preference, but this goes against the grain in this type of society," argued the Rev. Errol Brooks, the senior Anglican clergyman on Anguilla, an island of 9,000 people that is a favorite of apscale European travelers. "One must take into consideration the mores and norms of a society rather than

enforce foreign values." In contrast to 25 years ago, however, the Caribbean is no longer debating whether it



Inland, in the village of Old Road, an Antiguan woman waits for the bus.

A bust of Vere C. Bird watches over the action near Heritage Quay, Antigua.

with his wife Lilian owns a livery service in Anguilla. "If tourism doesn't produce benefits for the people who live on this island, then there really is no point in having it around, is

Away from the beaches and the hotels, in areas of the islands that visitors rarely see, pockets of poverty remain, encouraging the migration of local people to the very same places that the tourists come from. In Antigua, there are still one-room wooden shacks mounted oo cinder blocks - houses with no running water, flush tollets or electricity.

Even some of those who cater to tourists barely make ends meet. "I live hy faith," said Enid Browne, a vendor here of T-shirts that bear the message "Smile Mon" and the image of Mickey Mouse in dreadlocks. "Some days you don't sell nothing at all. But the hotels only want to hire the young ones, the advanced ones. It's a small place here, but there's not enough work to go around, so they can take their pick."

At a downtown shop just up the street from Heritage Quay, the proprietor was asked how tourism had changed Antigua in his lifetime. As tourists streamed by his open door, he reflected for a moment, then reached back to his days as a schoolboy under British rule and recited a stanza from "The Deserted Village." a poem by Oliver Goldsmith:

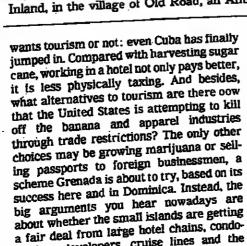
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minium developers, cruise lines and the foreigners who run them. Riot police on the island of St. Martin, ruled jointly by France and The Netherlands, fired tear gas last month at rockthrowing hotel workers who were fired after Hurricane Luis passed through in Septem-

ber 1995. But now that the hotels are reopening, 133 former employees want either severance pay or their old jobs back; taxi and bus drivers have also gone on strike to protest an increase in the price of gasoline. A few miles away, Anguilla is debating

whether to allow cruise ships to dock more than twice a month. Hoteliers say no, suggesting that guests paying up to \$1,200 a night do not want to - and should not have to - mingle with hoi polloi. But most taxi drivers and store owners on the island favor the proposal, hoping not only that the tourism pie will be higger, but that they will get a larger slice of it.

Profits Sent Away

"The money is not trickling down to us because the tourists stay in their resorts and the hotel owners send their profits back to their home country," said Bob Rogers, who

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WEEKLY REVIEW

Pocketing The Wages Of War

By DONALD G. McNEIL Jr.

HERE'S nothing new about mercenary armies. The tradition goes back through the Hesslans at Valley Forge and the condottieri who overthrew Italian city-states and even to the time of Achilies, who sulked in his tent because he thought Agamemnon was unfairly dividing the spoils of the Trojan war.

These days Kisangani, in central Zaire, is the proving ground for how much mercenary soldiers can pull off. Isolated from the Zairian capital, Kinshasa, by hundreds of miles of jungle, the city is the target of a rebel offensive that began on the Rwandan border. It is also the headquarters for Government forces planning a counterattack, and they are getting considerable help there from mercenaries.

Soldiers from Serbia and the Ukraine are among them. And unconfirmed reports say soldiers from France, Belgium, South Africa, Britain, Croatia and other countries may also be trying to teach the Zairian Army and allied Rwandan Hutu militias how to fight or preparing to do the fighting for them.

The world always seems to have a fresh pool of mercenaries, depending on which veterans have lately been dumped on the market with lethal skills. Just as American soldiers took the place of Freoch ones in Vietnam in the 1960's, American mercenaries followed French ones onto the world stage, creating, among other things, a market for Soldier of Fortune magazine, an advertising forum for the breed. Military experts say there is oow a lot of former Soviet-bloc talent for rent.

Effective

But the very model of a modero band of mercenaries isn't European. It's a South African concern, Executive Outcomes, with offices in Pretoria and London, whose glossy brochures announce such services as "armored warfare" and "sniper training." It is composed largely of white officers and black foot soldiers who fought in elite units of the South African Army during its incursion into Angola, South Africa's Vletnam, in the 1980's.

Its two best-known operations were Its work for Angola's Government from late 1993 to mid-1996 and for the Government of Sierra Leone from March 1995 until last month. Originally called in to guard riverside diamond-mining areas in both countries, it expanded its duties - nominally to train soldiers, but in fact its men led troops and flew combat missions against rebels and outlaws. Executive Outcomes says it was paid in cash, but in both cases it is widely rumored to have received mining concessions as security.

The company's combat effectiveness in Angola is credited with forcing the rebel organization of Jooas Savimbl to stop fighting and negotiate for a place in the Government. In Sierre Leone, It is acknowledged to have pacified swaths of the country long enough for elections to be held. Its work is often held up - and not only by its salesmen - as a contrast to multinational flops in Somalia, Chad, Liberia and Angola sponsored by the United Nations or the Organization of African Unity

Executive Outcomes says it has no operations in Zaire. "We have no contract there and we have never been in Zaire," said Eeben Barlow, chairman of the firm's holding company.

Mercenary work doesn't come cheap, whoever does it. Khareen Pech, a South African-based journalist who has written extensively about Executive Outcomes, said its own costs to support roughly 500 men fighting in Sierra Leooe were over \$1.5 million a month, and its bill to the Government probably more than twice that.

Infantrymen are paid around \$2,000 a month, while specialists like pilots earn \$5,000 and up. That's triple what they'd earn if they could stay in South Africa's



Africa offers opportunities to mercenaries. Above, a Soviet helicopter used in Sierra Leone in 1995 by Executive Outcomes, a South African company of hired guns.

rapidly shrinking military, Ms. Pech said she'd heard recent salary offers in Zaire were slightly higher.

A valued and expensive service is air support. In Angola and Sierra Leone, according to World Airnews magazine, Executive Outcomes flew two used Boeing 727's as supply planes, bought for \$550,000 each from American Airlines. It also regularly flew Soviet Mi-17 armed transport helicopters, Mi-24 Hind gunships, MiG-23 jet fighter-bombers and a squadroo of Swiss Pilatus training planes converted to fire air-to-ground rockets. According to some estimates, helicopters cost \$5,000 an hour just fly and maintain. Jets cost far more.

Zaire is an impoverished country, though it does have large areas of mineral wealth. And its President, Mobutu Sese Seko, can find ways to pay for what he wants. He has stolen millions from the treasury, enabling him to recuperate from prostate-cancer surgery in splendid surroundings on the French Riviera. He can presumably afford to spend heavily on mercenaries, but whether this will keep him in power is another question.

Some reports say Laurent Kabila, the leader of the rebellion, has 24,000 men in the field, including the Banyamulenge - ethnic Tutsis who rebelled after bullying by Hutu refugees and Zalrian soldiers - regular troops from Rwanda, Uganda and Burundl (no friends of Mr. Mobutu) and a hodgepodge of other fighters. The armles of Rwanda and Uganda, military experts say, are among the regioo's more effective.

Embarrassing

While the mercenaries have some air power, tnost fighting is likely to be done on the ground, given the thick forests - and ground combat is not Zalre's strong suit.

'I've talked to South Africans who fought alongside the Zairian Army in the past, and 'dismissive' is too light a term for the way they talk about them," said Richard Cornwell, a Pretoria expert on mercenary wars. "They actually found guys sabotaging their own armored personnel carriers so they wouldn't have to go into battle."

As mercenary armies play a larger role in African politics, debate about the morality of using them has grown. In South Africa, the post-apartheid Government finds Executive Outcomes embarrassing, and is preparing legislation to outlaw mercenary recruitment here.

Others - and not just Mr. Barlow of Executive Outcomes - argue that mercenaries are a palatable evil given the decay and civil war that some African countries have fallen into, along with the ineffectiveoess of the



Have submachine gun, will travel: a firing-range scene at a 1991 Soldier of Fortune convention in Las Vegas.

United Nations and the refusal of the United States and Europe to do anything.

Journalists covering the fighting in Sierra Leone say Executive Outcomes mercenaries sometimes machinegunned civilians from its helicopters while pursaing rebels. And the company is rumored to be hanging onto. diamond concessions that will pay it far more than it cootracted for. But local chiefs still asked the President to keep the mercenaries oo after their contract ran out, because life without them was worse: both rebels and renegade Government soldiers bad preyed on civilians. Mercenary armies, the argument goes, don't recruit children. They don't have to loot in order to eat. They

don't have the local hatreds that underpin genocide. Also, because mercenaries are so expensive, it

forces the tyrants who hire them to sharpen their thinking: Perhaps this province isn't worth fighting for. Perhaps peace would cost less.

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The countervailing argument is that mercenaries are simply the proof that whoever has the gold makes the rules. "The lesson for dictators is that you can mismanage a country and then call in the Ghostbusters to sort it out for you," said Mark Malan, a former South African soldier who is now a private defense researcher here. "If they prop up a corrupt regime in a failed state, so what? What long-term solution is that?"...

Are Canadians Yankees, Too?

Cuba's Bridge to the United States

By ANTHONY DePALMA

UESTS at Havana's old Hotel Nacional who watch television can now choose between grainy blackand-white films extolling the glory of the 1959 Communist Revolution or feature films on HBO like the cold war thriller 'The Hunt for Red October."

The hotel's new telephone service enables quick computer links with New York via AT&T, and hotel guests can get a warm can of Coca-Cola from their mini-bars.

Nearly 40 years since the United States placed an economic embargo on Cuba to stifle its economy and squeeze Fidel Castro from power, Mr. Castro still struts around Havana in designer leather boots. American goods, along with the Yankee dollar, can be easily found all over, even though there are few Americans to be seen.

What's going on? Cuba has managed to build bridges to the United States without dealing with the Federal Government direcily. It buys regularly from the subsidiaries of American companies operating in countries like Mexico, where Cuba's Coca-Cola comes from. But one of Cuba's most valuable concections to the mainland and an increasingly eager business partner has been Canada, America's closest ally and biggest trade partner.

To the Cubans, Canadians are just like Americans - they're big, they act rich and they speak English. But while the United States has tried to isolate Cuba since the Communists took over in 1959, Canada has tried to engage the country both economically and diplomatically, much to Washing-

ton's annoyance. With last year's passage of the Helms-Burton law, which imposes sanctions on companies from Canada and other countries doing business in Cuba, United States foreign policy has clashed openly with the trade policies of some of its strongest allies. Several European countries have challenged the Helms-Burton law in a complaint before the World Trade Organization. But for the moment the challenge has been postponed, leaving Canada alone in its defiant response to the law. Ottawa already has passed a law prohibiting Canadian compa-nies from complying with the reporting provisions of Helms-Burion or paying any fines.

Washington itself shifted ground a bit on Cuba last week. The Clinton Administration said that 10 American news organizations would be permitted to circumvent the economic embargo and open bureaus in Cuba. speoding dollars on rent. electricity and other goods.

Still, while Washington has spent 40 years scheming against Cuba, Canada has spent that time making deals. Ottawa, a far less

During Washington's embargo, Ottawa has been making deals.

rigid cold warrior than Washington, never broke off diplomatic relations. Its companies have poured over half a billion dollars into nickel mines, luxury hotels and other businesses, often involving property once owned by Americans. Two-way trade between the two countries has doubled in the last four years and now exceeds \$400 million a year. Although Spain, Italy and other European oations also trade with Cuba, its most important links are to North America

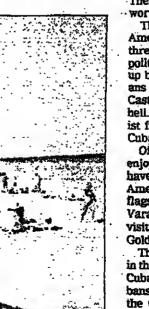
through Canada and Mexico.

So great is the Canadians' business interest in the island that callers to Cuba's consulate in Toronto get to pick from eight phone options including "press four if you want to open a bank account or start a business in Cuba" and "press five if you want to get married in Cuba." The Cuba Tourist Board has erected more than 125 billboards in Toronto, and many more in Ottawa, Vancouver and other cities, promising cold-weary Canadians "a warmth you'll remember." A round-trip ticket from Otta-

wa to Varadero can cost as little as \$161. Raymond Chrétien, Canada's Ambassador to the United States, acknowledges that Ottawa's independent position bothers Washington. "We know who our friends are," Mr. Chrétien said just before last November's elections in the United States, "but we also want m be able to go to the beaches of Cuba." Last year, more than 150,000 Canadians vacationed in Cuba.

Still, Canada seems loath to push its Cuba policy too far, for fear of alienating Washington. Trade with Cuba is a nice plum, but it totals in a year what Canada exchanges with the United States in a day.

Cuba's abysmal record on human rights and the persistent poverty of most Cubans despite the island's recent embrace of capitalism also make it difficult for Ottawa to



Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy of Canada at Cuba's Varadero beach last month.

crow too much about its cozy relationship with Mr. Castro.

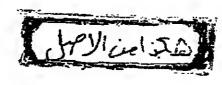
Take for example what happened during Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy's visit to Cuba last month. As Cuban officials were plying him and bis entourage with cigars and showing off Varadero beach, they whisked him away on a surprise visit.

Mr. Axworthy was more than a little uncomfortable when he realized that the Cubans had taken him to a cearby oil drilling site that had been taken over by a Canadian company, Sherritt International The company's president and several key officials have been banned from the United States for violating the Helms-Burton act. The tour abruptly ended when Mr. Ax-worthy hopped back on the overheated bus.

The Canadian bridge from Cuba to North America grates on Cuban-Americans. For three years the Alliance of Young Cubans, a political advocacy group in Miami, bas put up billboards in Canada reminding Canadians that their tourist dollars belp keep Mr. Castro in power. "Your paradise. Their heil" say the billboards, which show a tourist family enjoying Cuban beaches while a

Cuban family watches from the shadows. Of course, even though many Canadians enjoy the beaches while most Americans have to comply with the embargo, some Americans visit Cuba anyway. Canadian flags flew on many yachts docked at the Varadero marina during Mr. Axworthy's visit, but the stern of one flagless sloop said Golden, Colo., another Dover. Del.

That only points out the ultimate paradox in this complex triangle. A few years ago the Cuban Government made it legal for Cubans to hold American dollars. Since then, the Cuban peso is rarely seen in Old Havana. Nearly everything spent on hotels in Varadero and Havana, or Cokes at the Hotel Nacional, is in American dollars, although most of it has not been spent by Americans.



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ECONOMY

Like Oil and Water: A Tale of Two Economists

Same school similar politics. but teachings

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By LOUIS UCHITELLE

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. REY have met only once since Paul Krugman returned last summer to the prestigious economics department at the Massachusets institute of Technology, it was a brief, accidental encounter among the file cabinets and secretaries' desks near Lester Thurow's office. "We exchanged pleasantries," Mr. Thurow said. "He was telling someone about a trip he had made to the far south of Argentina, and I listened politely."

The small talk left so much unsaid. For the two men - from offices one floor apart that look out on the Charles River - are not so much colleagues as high-profile combatants in a struggle to explain the very nature of the national economy. With all the authority of their profession, they have gone public with strikingly different explanations of an economic phenomenon bedeviling not only the experts, but everyone else, too. Why have so many Americans fallen behind in the last two decades, while an affluent minority has so visibly prospered? Why has the resulting income gap become so glaring and persistent, even with six years of steady economic growth under our

What Mr. Thurow and Mr. Krugman have done is translate into vivid metaphors, riffs of sarcasm and doomsday prose the dry, technical debate of their colleagues at a time when many Americans have takeo sides, telling pollsters that they think competition from the rest of the world is the big cause of their income troubles. For Mr. Krugman, representing the majority of economists, that view is wrong. The big culprit, be argues, is new technology right here at home, requiring so many well-paid, college-trained workers, and so few of the less skilled. But for Mr. Thurow and other challengers of this view, the rapidly evolving global economy is indeed mostly to blame, with its hundreds of millions of low-wage workers sending what they produce to the United States and pulling down the

pay of average Americans. Mr. Krugman, 43, and Mr. Thurow, 58, are not alone in this debate, of course. Politicians, pundits, historians, sociologists and Wall Street analysis have jumped in. The debate pops up all the time, in articles and books and on talk shows. Policy prescriptions fill the air: regulate trade, restrict immigration, levy higher taxes on the rich to subsidize the poor and improve educational standards in an attempt - perhaps vain

- to make everyone highly skilled and well paid.

Pat Buchanan, who sought the Republican Presidential nomination last year, exploited the issue. Bob Dole tried to make wage troubles a campaign theme, and even President Clinton, while just issuing a report suggesting that the rising in-come gap may be reversing, has nonetheless singled out this inequality as the current economic problem. But Mr. Krugman, so often described as a shoo-in for a future Nobel Prize, and Mr. Thurow, who became an M.I.T. economics professor while Mr. Krugman was still at teen-ager in well-to-do Merrick, L.I., have emerged as the loudest and most articulate public voices of the profession that, above others, should have answers.

As they go at it, never face-to-face - always in writing and public speaking, sometimes from the well of the same M.I.T. lecture amphitheater, although on separate days they offer very different versions of the economy, as if they were cardiologists differing over heart disease. with one citing stress as the primary cause and the other a fat-rich diet.

"The fact this debate exists means no one knows who is right," said Robert Heilbroner, an economics historian who has written books with Mr. Thurow. "The economics profession seems to have a split personality, with the Lester Thurows trying to see a larger picture, and the Paul Krugmans in the business of trying to measure hard-and-fast cause and

The jockeying for the upper hand in this debate sometimes becomes personal. While serving as the defender of the mainstream viewpoint among economists, Mr. Krugman cultivates a firebrand image. He refers to "startlingly crude and uninformed' views of those he criticizes, often by name - Robert B. Reich, the former Labor Secretary, is a favorite target - or to experts who "offer a logic no more confused than usual." He included Mr. Thurow in that last epithet. And so when Mr. Thurow was told last summer that Mr. Krugman was returning to M.I.T. after two years at Stanford University, he requested that Mr. Krugman refrain from disparaging his M.I.T. colleagues - a request that Mr. Krugman has honored so far. "He is too personal," Mr. Thurow said. "He makes it hard to have a debate."

Mr. Thurow, on the other hand, offers broad declarations that go far beyond the equations, diagrams and mathematical models that are, in Mr. Krugman's view, the essence of respectable economics. Mr. Thurow, for example, offers sweeping statements about the impact of the global economy on Americans. 'Those with third-world skills will earn thirdworld wages," he declares, and "anything can be made anywhere on the face of the earth and sold everywhere else oo the face of the earth."

be photographed with Mr. Thurow, such statements are more seat-ofthe-pants judgments than testable economic logic. They are, he wrote recently, expressions in a war "between the essentially literary sensibility that we expect of a card-carryiog intellectual and the scientificmathematical outlook that is arguably the true glory of our civiliza-

Such differences enliven the buzz among their colleagues at M.I.T. "Paul's style is still that of the enfant terrible, while Lester speaks more like someone on the mountaintop telling you how it is," said Richard L. Schmalensee, the deputy dean

self-correcting, if sometimes fallible, ways. And Mr. Thurow worries that without a new central challenge something to replace the cold war -Americans will let the economy deteriorate by failing to support Government money for research and necessary public investment that business shuns because the payoff is not direct and immediate. In his latest book, "The Future of Capitalism," he even foresees, m the absence of this central challenge, a decline into a modern-day Middle

"My brother in Chicago, whom I

pessimism, about the future. Mr.

Krugman is doubtful that any policy

can improve much on the market's



Lester Thurow



Paul Krugman

of M.I.T.'s Sloan School of Manage-

Still, there is common ground. Both men see themselves as liberals. fighting not over ideology but over what constitutes good economics. They favor similar policies strengthening unions to give labor more bargaining power, pushing education to improve Americans' workplace skills and income redistribution via Government policy to reduce inequality. They once even taught a basic economics course together at M.LT., although they lecnired on alternate days, (Mr. Thurow was more fun for the students, but Mr. Krugman covered the curriculum, Mr. Krugman said.)

Both acknowledge that they shifted their attention from academia to the public arena after being shut out of top slots as advisers in Democrat-Ic administrations - Mr. Thurow after Jimmy Carter was elected President and Mr. Krugman in the early Clinton days.

"My epiphany, came at that fa mous economic summit in Little Rock in 1992," Mr. Krugman said. 'A lot of stuff said there was clearly silly. I had been aware that pop economics writers had a much bigger audience than good economists. But I did not take that seriously because I thought that anyone who really mattered would know the difference. That turned out not to be the

Mr. Thurow and Mr. Krugman

respect very much, called me and said I had written the most depressing book he had ever read," Mr. Thurow said. "I was surprised. 1 thought I had laid out solutions. But may be they stick in my mind and not in the reader's."

The names appear alphabetically, in modest black letters, outside the suite where Mr. Krugman has his office, and he jokingly points out that his name is first, ahead of the Nobel Prize winners Paul Samuelson and Robert M. Solow, two giants of American economics who happen to be Mr. Krugman's suite mates. "I ought to take a picture of that while it lasts," he sald. He need not rush. His Imprint on mainstream economics is already well embedded.

Mr. Krugman, the only child of an insurance company manager, achieved luminary status in less than a decade as an economist. Finishing at Yale in 1974 and receiving his Ph.D. from M.I.T. in 1977, he soon plunged into teaching and research, the interplay of Government and industry in trade. Although he worries about Government interference In markets, he nevertheless has demonstrated with mathematical precision how an assist from Government can give an industry a competitive advantage in, say, manufacturing and exporting commercial jets or computer chips.

With his reputation as an expert economist firmly in place by the also share an uncertainty, even a early 90's (he won the John Bates Clark Medal in 1991 as the nation's most outstanding academic economist under 40), Mr. Krugman cut back on original research and turned his attention to a wider public, displaying a rare knack for explaining the discipline and logic of economics if not to every subway straphanger, at least to the educated layman.

There is no question that the polemics cut into the research," Mr. Krugman said. "I like to think that like Keynes" - John Maynard Keynes, the legendary British economist who juggled scholarship, essay writing and public service - "I can step back and do deep thinking again, but who knows. It is one of the things I wake up and worry about."

Mr. Thurow, 15 years older than Mr., Krugman, actually blazed this trait from academia to a wider audience. The eldest of three sons of a Methodist preacher in Montana, he went east to Williams College and won a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford. He earned a Ph.D. at Harvard in 1964 and four years later, at 30, found himself at M.I.T., holding professorships in both the economics department and the Sloan School of Management, where he later became dean. Pioneering work on income distribution helped get hlm to the top. But he, too, shifted to capturing public attention after being shut out of government. He had helped in the Carter election campaign but, like Mr. Krugman 16 years later, lost out for a top advisory position in the new Democratic Administration.

"I decided that if I could not have the king's ear, I would talk to the public," Mr. Thurow said. "That's the other way to have an impact on the economic system." And he certainly has talked to the public, in best-selling books, magazine articles, television appearances and on the lecture circuit - at \$30,000 a speech, he says, nearly double Mr. Krugman's speaking fees.

But for all their similarities, and their common home base, the chasm separating their economic theories seems unbridgeable.

Mr. Thurow applauded - and still likes - Mr. Krugman's early research suggesting that the Government can help create an export advantage for industry. That fits Mr. Thurow's preference for a market system leavened by Government. But Mr. Krugman objects that his research is all-too often loosely Invoked as justification for an intrusive industrial policy by people "who don't understand its limits."

Mr. Thurow says that when the Mexicans or Chinese export shirts or tires to the United States, for example, less-skilled American workers are edged out or forced into lowerpaying service jobs. Mr. Krugman responds that imports from lowwage countries represent only 2 percent of the national Income, not enough to have much of an impact on American labor. In fact, he says, trade in its entirety is too small a percentage of the gross domestic product to greatly influence wages.

Trade is a cause of income inequality, Mr. Krugman acknowledges, but he says other factors are more important - primarily the onslaught of new technology. Because of that, the demand for highly skilled people - from computer programmers to top executives - has soared. and their wages have gone up relative to the less skilled.

The Thurows of the world misunderstand another dynamic, he adds. As the Mexicans and Chinese shift into shirts and tires, American industry produces jet aircraft, cellular phones and other high-technology products to pay for the Imports. "We raise the wage of skilled people who produce planes," Mr. Krugman said, 'and lower the wage of those who are unskilled."

But, he said, the unskilled will probably not suffer over the long run. Incomes will rise in Mexico and China, Mr. Krugman said, as workers there become more productive. That was Japan's experience after World War II, and South Korea's more recently. The giobal pie, in effect, becomes bigger.

"If you can shift machinery from the United States to Mexico, why should you think that would level American wages down rather than Mexican wages up?" Mr. Krugman asked. "If a Mexican worker's output goes from one widget to 10 widgets a day, his wage rises to that level. If you strip the story down, this is the only explanation that makes sense."

Mr. Thurow offers an entirely different tale. With capital so mobile and transportation and communications improving constantly, companies can place their operations almost anywhere, he says. Even their high-technology operations are vulnerable as educated Russians and Eastern Europeans, for example. bid for work. Adding salt to this sore, low-wage countries focus their exports more than ever on the United States. In addition, the influx of immigrants is very similar to shifting production abroad, bringing the lowwage labor here instead of sending the work there. As a result, wages are driven down in areas like Southern California or Texas or Florida where there are many immigrants. And everywhere in the country, there is downward wage pressure simply from the threat of American companies' relocating or producing abroad.

"Russia has 800,000 scientists and engineers," Mr. Thurow declared in an M.I.T. lecture last month. "Why pay an American physicist \$75,000 a year when you can get a Russian for \$100 a month?" Moments later he invoked the image of a dress manufacturer with 18 factories around the world, linked by 'high-definition television to control quality." This manufacturer, Mr. Thurow said. 'tells customers: 'Don't worry whether the dress is made in Bangladesh or New York, It's the same item, same quality, same delivery time.'

Still, Mr. Thurow would not intervene in the global economy by restricting trade or impeding the flows of people and investment across borders. Nor would Mr. Krugman. They are both free traders. The best solution, they also agree, is more economic growth both here and abroad. But they are worlds apart on how to achieve that growth, or whether it is even possible.

The divide is over productivity, or output per worker, which has not been rising all that much lately in the United States and the rest of the industrial world. Ultimately, the only way to generate more growth, or national income, is to put more people to work or to find some way for each worker to produce more each hour.

Mr. Thurow would try to lift productivity in stages. He would start by stimulating the economy, perhaps through Government spending or lower interest rates, a Keynesian approach that is now considered by mainstream economists as more likely to produce inflation than real growth, For Mr. Thurow, however, the stimulus would open up opportunity, and the opportunity would pull up productivity.

A machine shop, for example, might open to serve a growing demand for auto parts. A waiter in a nearby diner, seizing an opportunity, takes a job as a grinder. Grinding auto parts produces more income than the same time spent waiting on tables. So the worker's output measured in cash, rises. The diner raises its output per worker, too, by putting in a buffet. The customers, in effect serve themselves, a form of automa-

"Productivity comes out of an economy that is pushed," Mr. Thurow said. "It is the result of what people do in response to the opportunities that growth makes possible, not the cause of growth."

Mr. Krugman calls this "wishful thinking." He, and most mainstream economists, say they do not know why the annual rise in productivity, or potential output has slowed so much since the early 1970's. Nor do they claim to know how to reverse this poor performance. The math and the evidence, Mr. Krugman says, are inexorable. Whenever America's economic growth rate goes much above 2 percent - its loog-term ceiling - the unemployment rate invariably falls. Workers are added to increase output, until the unemployment rate gets too low and the labor supply is exhausted simply bidding up wages without substantially increasing the nation's potential growth rate.

"All this seems pretty ironclad," Mr. Krugman writes in an article recently submitted to the Harvard Business Review.

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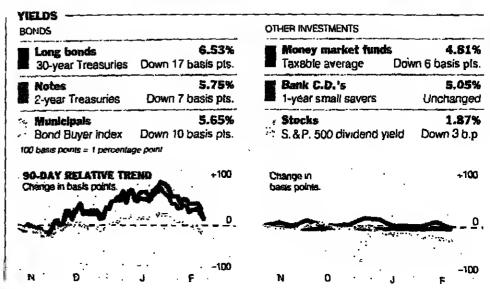
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Managed Care's Flaws Can't Be Legislated Away

Your Feb. 9 editorial on managed care suggests that regulation of managed care companies will rein in the bad apples that put profits over patients, and thus allow this industry to better pursue its goals of containing costs and improving the quality of health care. But it is not just a matter of a few greedy companies in a system that is basically sound. Rather, the system is inherently corrupt.

Managed care companies survive in a competitive environment by cutting costs, and this means restricting care. Their claims that they insure quality or efficiency of care are only public-relations catch phrases.

"In the Diaper Wars, Cloth Has

Just About Folded" (Week in Re-

view, Feb. 9) accurately describes

the successful approach disposable-

diaper manufacturers have used to

convince consumers that their prod-

ucts are environmentally benign. But

The diaper battle is almost always

described as being between dispos-

able diapers and diaper services en-tailing the environmental costs of pickup and delivery, not just washing.

But you don't need a diaper service

for cloth diapers. You can wash thero

at home. Then you incur no greater

environmental costs than you do

If you ask parents why they prefer

disposables, you'll almost always hear that "you don't have to empty

them out before throwing them

away." This means disposables lead

to the introduction of quantities of

burnan feces into the solid waste

stream, which poses a significant

threat to public health and especially

to sanitation workers. Human waste

belongs in the sanitary sewer system,

not garbage cans, garbage trucks and

The writer was recycling manager for Berkeley, Calif., 1991-94.

A. M. Rosenthal's Feb. 11 column

requires a more balanced picture of

Christianity in China. The Protestant

church in China may be the fastest

growing in the world. Since 1979

churches are opening or re-opening

at a rate of three every two days.

Even so, Roman Catholics and Prot-

estants are less than 1 percent of

China's population. The China Chris-

tian Council and Protestant Three-

Self Patriotic Movement do not deny

that they spend a good deal of time

on grievances of Protestant commu-

nities about abuses of religious free-

If the smug tone of your Feb. 11

froot-page article oo French malaise

is an indication, Americans are ahead

of the French in the chauvinism de-

partmeot, too. Beware the assump-

tion that America is not to be ques-

tioned as it leads humanity into eco-

nomic and cultural "globalization."

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rate greed that is atomizing family

and the social contract and covering

the "world of born" with a smother-

ing "world of made," as our own

Imagine: Some of the French have

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materialism as the only god. Why

they're as bad as the Islamic funda-

Augusta, Me., Feb. 13, 1997

skeptic E. E. Cummings foresaw.

Maybe it isn't so crazy that those

The 'World of Made'

JAMES LILJENWALL

Confrontation Won't Help China's Christians

Santa Fe, N.M., Feb. 11, 1997

when washing other clothes.

you overlook two issues.

'Quality" and "efficiency" become and chronically ill groups. pretexts for depriving patients of oeeded care and of an active role in deciding on their treatment. Even a well-intentioned company cannot survive unless it matches competitors in cutting costs, and care, to the JAY B. FRANKEL

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Contrary to "In the Diaper Wars,

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The truth is that diaper for diaper

they cost about the same. But be-

cause cloth diapers must be changed

twice as often, disposable diapers.

New Providence, N.J., Feb. 9, 1997

dom. But many church leaders have

worked to improve the situation

through cooperation, not confronta-

The writer is China program associ-

ate, General Board of Global Minis-

tries, United Methodist Church.

A. M. Rosenthal (column, Feb 11),

Christian actions, hopes that "Israel ...

upset by China's apparently anti-

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settle on land taken from expelled

indigenous Palestinians. And Israel is

not renewing the residency status of .

Palestinians - both Muslim and

Christian - in Jerusalem who have .

Washington, Feb. 11, 1997

SAM HUSSEINT

other citizenship. This is de facto eth-

The writer is media director, Ameri-

can-Arab Anti-Discrimination Com-

is right that Christians should lobby

our leadership; we should also lobby

the news media to report on events

like the grenade attack on the Ecu-

menical Patriarchate in Istanbul and

the persecution of Coptic Christians in

New York, Feb. 12, 1997

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DIANE J. ALLEN

New York, Feb. 12, 1997

In Diaper Wars, Disposables Must Lose

Re "Consumers and Managed Care" (editorial, Feb. 9): As managed health care becomes more universal, high-risk populations will be added to the rolls, including the poor (through Medicaid managed care), the elderly (through Medicare managed care)

Since these groups consume much higher amounts of health care resources, there will be conflicts between their needs and the profit oeeds of managed care companies.

There are emerging models of reimbursement and delivery systems for these groups, like "carve out" programs that remove high-risk New York, Feb. 10, 1997. groups from managed care and "special needs health maintenance organizations" that try to reimburse providers at higher rates to care for patients who may need a lifetime of continuous care. But such programs are not fully developed and not operational on a large scale in New York, and their outcomes are untest-BARRY D. ROCK

Rockville Centre, L.L. Feb. 9, 1997 The writer is o social worker.

To the Editor:

Your Feb. 9 editorial on regulating managed care says that a model bill's provision to guarantee access to all drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration as deemed necessary by a physician "may impinge too heavily on a plan's ability to control costs without producing better clini-cal results." But when doctors are restricted from prescribing what they think is the most effective medication, bealth care costs more.

A study by Susan D. Horn of 13,000 bealth maintenance organization patients showed that limitation of drug availability was significantly related to higher rates of emergency room and hospital visits and to increased drug costs and doctor visits.

Newer drugs are approved because they are proved safe and effective, and are therefore likely to produce better results. The new drug may cost more but may obviate the need for even more expensive serv-MILTON LIEBMAN

New York, Feb. 10, 1997 The writer is a medical communications consultant

To the Editor:

"Consumers and Managed Care" end up taking balf the bite out of (editorial, Feb. 9) pinpoints the adversariai relationship between health maintenance organizations and consumers. But there is another path to consider: the consumer as producer of health care.

There are many illustrations, from diabetics' monitoring their blood sugar to support groups for discharged psychiatric patients. Research has shown that this approach is effective, and cost-effective. The individual is involved in the actual production of a bealth care service. Not only does this empower the consumer and increase the productivity --- in inaffishi a mante bambe bisa of the bealth care system, but it also may heighten the trust of both par-FRANK RIESSMAN

AUDREY GARTNER New York, Feb. 10, 1997 shows the U.S. the path to righteous. The writers are, respectively, director and executive director of the Notional Self-Help Clearinghouse.

> Savings on Home Care To the Editor:

Your Feb. 9 news article on controlling the costs of Medicare home health care omits one reason for its increased use. In most states there is no alternative for the disabled and elderly who are desperate for belp with basic functions like dressing and bathing. Most people don't need a ourse for this, yet Medicare provides one at a boge cost.

'Aides like those in New York's Medicaid "personal care" program A. M. Rosenthal (column, Feb. 11) can do the job at less than balf the cost. To cut costs, Medicare must offer a "personal care" alternative and reserve the costly home health benefit for those needing skilled oursing services. . VALERIE J. BOGART

New York, Feb. 10, 1997 CONSTANTINE S. DIMAS "The writer is a staff attorney for Legal Services for the Elderly.

Reform in the Balance

Most officeholder's in Washington still don't get it, but the American electoral system is in ethical and financial crisis. When it comes to President Clinton's fund-raising, the chips of news bave now arranged themselves into a mosaic of scandal. Few reasonable Democrats any longer question the wrongness of their party's behavior in the last election. The remaining suspense is over how prose-

On Capitol Hill, the plans for Congressional investigations and hearings on campaign abuses are mired in petty infighting, much of it among Republicans who seem bent on piddling away their party's historic opportunity to own the reform issue.

With a few notable exceptions. Republicans and Democrats alike sbare the blame for pawing at campaign reform legislation rather than pushing it. They believe the lack of protest over attempts to preserve the old system means the public does not care. We believe it means the public is rapidly giving up on the ability of this Congress and this President to create a new system of political fi-

The White House. The revelations about possible Chinese involvement in the President's re-election campaign are so serious that Mr. Clinton himself admitted on Thursday that "we have to let the investigations proceed." It would be even more helpful if he would wake and shake bis lethargic Attorney General, Janet Reno, to the overdue need for a special prosecutor.

Already, several dozen Federal Bureau of Investigation agents are poring over a dizzying list of suspicious transactions. First there were the mordinate contributions and White House visits from present and former officials with the Llppo Group of Indonesia, Most recently, The Washingtoo Post disclosed an F.B.I. investigation into whether Chinese Government officials or their agents may have used go-between contributors to put money into Mr. Clinton's campaign. There have also been reports that both the Presideot and Harold Ickes, the former White House deputy chief of staff, may bave beeo involved in directing tax-exempt contributions toward nonprofit groups they knew would be helpful to their campaign.

Despite these has sbown some energy oo the legislative front. He brought a bipartisan group of legislators to the White House to push the McCain-Feingold bill and its companion legislation in the House. Aides to Mr. Clintoo say he will urge Democratic and G.O.P. leaders to put this legislation on a fast track. We bope he does, but any such action would gain credibility if Mr. Clinton would also order full cooperation with all investigations by the Congress and urge Ms. Reno to appoint a special

Senator Trent Lott. In the history of campaignreform legislation, few leaders have been dealt a hand like the ooe beld by Mr. Lott. The Senate majority leader owes no real debt to the old system of money-for-influence, and with the decline of Speaker Newt Gingrich, he has a chance to take his party in a new direction. Yet last week it seemed mystifyingly clear that Mr. Lott sees himself as a guardian of special-interest politics. Is it because he somehow views it as "cooservative," since husiness has long used it to fund friendly Republicans? Or is it because Mr. Lott, for all his famed discipline, has come to his great job as free of vision as he is of

Mr. Lott needs only to look at recent history to see the mistakes made by others who thought their

interests lay in protecting Congress's system of financing undistinguished incumbeots. In 1993, both the House Speaker, Thomas Foley, and the Senate majority leader, George Mitchell, prevailed on Mr. Clinton to defer campaign finance reform, ostensibly because of the need to pass budget and health care legislation. Perhaps Mr. Lott should ask Mr. Foley how he is enjoying retirement and Mr. Mitchell about whether he liked leaving the Senate in Republican hands.

The urgent need is to pass legislation to ban soft-money contributions to the parties. There is a oeed also to provide free or low-cost television to curh campaign costs. Any new law must close loopboles that have let labor unions and businesses help candidates hy disguising campaign ads as "issue advocacy."

Campaign reform is supported by two stroog, but lonely voices for change, Republican Seoators John McCain of Arizona and Fred Thompson of Tennessee. But instead of rallying to these two, Mr. Lott seems to be listening instead to the irredeemably misguided Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. Mr. McConnell speaks to the cynical impulses of party leaders who worry that they need the hundreds of millions of dollars in soft money to keep their campaigns going. Mr. Lott is supposed to be the ultimate pragmatist. Surely he can see that slowing down Mr. McCain's legislation and dampeoing support for Mr. Thompson's hearings on campaign finance will dim his future as Senate leader.

The Hearings. Senator Thompson has one of the toughest jobs in Congress this year, and he has sent mixed signals about whether be is up to it. Most of his fellow Republicans clearly want the hearings of his Governmental Affairs Committee to target President Clinton and the Democrats. The Seoate Democratic leader, Tom Daschle, is rightly concerned that Mr. Thompsoo not conduct the hearings in a partisan manner. The fact that almost all the, early subpoenas for information have gone to Democratic fund-raising people has not inspired confidence that Mr. Thompson will be fair.

There were some reports last week that Mr. Daschle and the Democrats were trying to limit the hearings to the Presidential campaigns as a way of keeping the heat off their own Congressional Mr. Daschle should work with Mr. Thompson to make sure that the hearings are given the broadest scope to look at both parties. The Democratic abuses bave gotten most of the bad publicity, but the committee must also look into the meeting-fordollars arrangements organized by the Republicans and the apparent quid pro quos that have resulted in efforts to ease regulations on developers, miners, the tobacco industry and other groups that bankrolled the Republicans.

Mr. Thompson bas asked for \$6.5 million to conduct the hearings, many times more than was budgeted for Whitewater, but the Democrats are wrong to balk. This is a matter of greater scale. Provided Mr. Thompson is equally curious about both parties, he should get the time and money to do

The hearings are essential. The public oeeds full information on the abuses, or the Congressional stallers will prevail. The fund-raising scandals of the last few years pose the gravest threat to the country's political system since the Watergate scandals of a generation ago. It is clearly possible that Mr. Clinton, people close to him and many members of Congress on both sides of the aisle stand in political or legal jeopardy if real reform comes to the capital. But the American people want a cleanup. It is time to get on with it.

Blame Judges, Not Voters, for California's Declining Schools To the Editor: Brent Staples decries the fiscal

LANCE TAPLEY

condition of public education in California (Editorial Notebook, Feb. 10).

mentalists!

I would not dispute this, but he is wrong to blame Proposition 13, which capped property tax rates at 1 percent of value and rolled back assessments. This 1978 voter initiative did not restrict California's ability to substitute state taxes for local taxes in paying for education.

The real sources of the problem were the "share the wealth" declsions by California's Supreme Court Serrano v. Priest (1971 and 1976) said that school spending could out vary among districts on the basis of taxable property wealth. For most high-spending districts, this meant that a vote to increase spending from local sources was unconstitutional The voters obliged the court two years later by rolling hack local. property taxes and effectively sending the obligation for schools to the

Legislature, What is sad about California's plight is not just the poor education offered one-eighth of the nation's public school students. It's that Serrano v. Priest continues to be emulated by

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state courts. The resulting reforms have invariably led to a loss of local fiscal control over education. Let's stop impugning Californians as shortsighted hedonists and look at the more likely cause of their problems: judges who think they know better

WILLIAM A. FISCHEL than voters. Hanover, N.H., Feb. 11, 1997 The writer is an economics professor at Dartmouth College.

To the Editor: As a California teacher, I agree that the California tax revolt gutted school financing (Editorial Notebook, Feb. 10). And yes, many 'touchy feely" trends bave had a negative impact on our schools. But Karen Sorlie Russo (letter, Feb. 12) is wrong. Conscientious teachers do not work short

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hours, and tenure does not mean a lifetime job, only due process in dismissal. We don't get paid for the summer, when many take on work to make ends meet.

So where do we go from here? Give teachers constructive criticism, not just blastings. And stick around long enough to be part of the solution as we work to improve our schools. LARRY WIENER Alhambra, Calif., Feb. 12, 1997

To the Editor:

The Feb. 12 letters responding to Brent Staples's Editorial Notebook (Feb. 10) seek to blame the collapse of California's schools not on the "tax revolt" and lack of money, but on teachers and teaching methods. How do they account for the similar decline of what was the finest system of public higher education in the world?

The system was designed to provide a place in college for every California high school graduate. Did the professors suddenly become corrupt and lazy under this regime? I saw no evidence of that.

Friends in the system in the 1970's and early 1980's paid a few hundred dollars a year. In 1992 my son qualified for the University of California at Berkeley, but it was more economical to attend the most expensive private college in the nation (with financial aid) than Berkeley, where tuition was thousands per semester and he didn't qualify for aid. Now tell me again that funding cuts were not a big part of the problem.

LINDA M. MALONEY St. Cloud, Minn., Feb. 12, 1997

Micro-Loans for the Very Poor

Anyone who scoffs at the value of 62 cents should talk to Muhammad Yunus. In 1976, the Bangladeshi economics professor tried an experiment. From his pocket, he lent the equivalent of \$26 to a group of 42 workers. With that 62 cents per person, they bought the materials for a day's work weaving chairs or making pots. At the end of their first day as independent business owners, they sold their work and soon paid back the loan.

Thus began the microcredit movement, which has become the world's hot idea for reducing poverty. This month, microcredit's backers met in Washington to begin to broaden the program's reach and raise money from developed nations and institutions such as the World Bank, Eight million people are now getting microcredit, half of them in Bangladesh. Microcredit proponents want to expand that to 100 million people by 2005. It is a worthy goal that the United States should support.

The first microcredit program was the Grameen Bank, founded by Mr. Yunus. Now almost all its borrowers are womeo, who tend to be poorer than men, have fewer opportuoities and are much more likely to spend new earnings on their children. Grameen requires its borrowers to organize themselves into groups of five. All are cut off if one borrower defaults.

They meet every week to make loan payments at commercial interest rates and critique ooe another's business plans. They also pledge to boil their water, keep their families small and carry out other good heaith practices. People who repay small loans

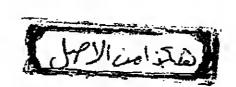
on time can take bigger ones. Grameeo, which now

than traditional banks. One-third of its two million borrowers have crossed the poverty line and another third are close.

Microcredit is now at work in 43 different countries. A version has even reached 150,000 Americans in inner-cities like Chicago and Washington. Borrowers here can begin with a \$500 or \$1,000 toan, enough for gardeoing or hair-styling tools. President Clinton said he will ask Congress for \$1 billion more over the next five years to develop microenterprise in the United States. A no-handout, inexpensive program that builds

business sounds so politically appealing in today's climate that it is worth recalling microcredit's limits. It cannot take the place of clean water, family planning efforts and child immunization programs. It can do little for the most desperate. those too sick or unskilled to work. It is also not free, as some of its political backers suggest. The most successful microcredit programs can fund their loans through interest and the savings they encourage borrowers to build. But most projects still rely on donations, and all are most helpful when they are backed by technical and marketing assistance programs, which cost money.

Still, microcredit has brought a much-needed revolution in anti-poverty programs. It deserves more than its current 2 percent share of the world's \$60 billion development budget. Microcredit goes directly to poor people. ft creates jobs in villages. It helps women develop confidence and independence. Microcredit can win new political backing for antipoverty programs abroad that the poor still desper-



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Foreign Affairs THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

THE JERUSALEM POST

Europe's Wild Ride

If you thought 1989 was an exciting year m Europe, with the Berlin wall crashing down and Communism being swept aside, then you won't want. to miss 1997. Because the two major balancing institutions in Europe, NATO and the European Union, are both going to be "adjusted" in 1997, and it's going to make for a wild and crazy Eurocoaster. The Clinton Administration isn't worried. It's assuming that these two major balances in Europe can he simultaneously "adjusted" and create a new, even more stable equilibrium.

Just when some introspection is in order.

Don't bet on it. Here's why: By the end of this year E.U. members are supposed to commit to a common currency, the Euro, that will make their integration much deeper. But this deal isn't cooked. The problem is the Germans are not keen about letting southern Europe - ltaly, Spain, Portugal - into the common currency right away because the Germans, who are obsessed with having a bard, stable currency, don't trust southern Europeans to hold the fiscal and monetary controls needed to maintain a strong Euro.

For Germany, southern Europe is still a region inhabited by Bedouins. You trade with Bedouins. But you don't share a currency with them. Italians were stunned when Germany's Frankfurter Aligemeine Zeitung newspaper wrote last month that Italians don't understand the importance financial markets attach to rules: "Those who respect rules are often considered stupid in Italy. Why should they go by the rules when the sly push ahead in line, throw rubbish on the street and pass cars on the highway

This struggle over a common Eurocurrency coincides with the effort to expand NATO to Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic. U.S. diplomats are confident they can move NATO's frontier closer to Russia, while assuring Russia that it isn't being threatened or frozen out of the new Europe. The U.S. will do this by forging a NATO-Russia charter that perfectly balances everyone's interests. Unfortunately, this delicate new balance will bave to be negotiated while there is a near total power vacuum at the top in Russia. Good luck. This project also assumes that the countries left out of the new NATO - Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine and the Baltic states - will sit quietly, and not become a gray area of intense competition between Russia and NATO. Sure.

Here's the truth: Yugoslavia aside, Europe has actually been quite stable since 1989. We don't need all this heroic geo-engineering of organizations now.

The only way there will be an even more stable, long-term, security structure in Europe is if democratic reform in Russia moves forward, not if NATO's front line moves forward. And the only way the E.U. will thrive in the global economy is not if its members have a common currency, but if they deregulate their economies and become more competitive and entrepreneurial. It is much more important that French storekeepers open on Sunday than that they have a common Euro currency. It is much more important that a young Helmut Gates in a garage in Germany be able to raise \$50 million overnight for his invention rather than that the pittance be can now raise is denominated in a common Euro currency. Europe's priority now should be internal reform, not organizational reform,

If the leaders don't know this, the people do. Luigi Vittorio Ferraris, a professor at the Free University in Rome and former Italian Ambassador to Germany, remarked to me: "You can't build a new Europe without Europeans, and my students are very much less European than they were 10 years ago. The enthusiasm for Europe is not there. Before 1989, E.U. and NATO meant security. They meant modernization. They meant welfare. Now, the fear is gone; the threats are all internal. But we are being asked to put on a new European stranjacket, just when we feel less

European." I hope it all works out: a new NATO, a new E.U., a new currency, all in 1997. But I fear this will involve too many moving parts. I suspect we'll wish we had let well enough alone. There is a real danger that we could not only lose the balance that came together in Europe in 1989-91 a balance that has been relatively easy to maintain and has provided a stable environment for internal reform - but we could also lose the energy and focus to deal with the real these states, not between them.

Cy at Rice University. problems, which are mostly inside



proliferation, perhaps the most vital

security issue of the post-cold-war

Today we face a monumental

choice requiring a bipartisan consen-

sus, just as we did in ratifying the

North American Free Trade Act in

1993. Failure to ratify the Chemical

Weapons Convention would send a

message of American retreat from

engagement in the world. For this

reason - and because our national

interest is better served by joining

the convention than by lining up with

pariah states outside it - I support

publicans to do the same.

Our Best Defense

By James A. Baker 3d

HOUSTON he Chemical Weapons Convention - an international treaty that commits member nations to destroy their chemical weapons and to forswear future production, acquisition or use of them - Is before the Senate for approval. Despite the fact that the treaty was negotiated under Presidents Ronald Reagan on the right?"

and George Bush, a number of Resounds like a great partnership.

publicans have expressed reservations about it. I respect their motives, but their concerns are misplaced.

For instance, some have argued that we shouldn't commit to the treaty because rogue states like Libya, Iraq and North Korea, which have not signed it, will still be able to continue their efforts to acquire

Republican criticism of the chemical weapons treaty is off base.

chemical weapons. This is obviously true. But the convention, which has been endorsed by 68 countries and will go into effect in April whether or not we bave ratified it, will make it more difficult for these states to do so by prohibiting the sale of materials to nonmembers that can be used

to make chemical weapons. In an ideal world, rogue states and terrorist groups would simply give up the use of chemical weapons. But ours is not an ideal world. The Chem-Ical Weapons Convention recognizes that, and so should its opponents. It makes no sense to argue that because a few pariah states refuse to join the convention the United States should line up with them rather than with the rest of the world.

Others have argued that if we ratify the treaty, we will oot be able to verify that all members will abide by it. No international agreement, of course, is perfectly verifiable - just as no domestic law is perfectly enforceable. But the treaty sets up a verification system, including international inspections on short notice, that will be far more effective than what we possess today. Moreover, the treaty would strengthen information-sharing among member states. it would increase, oot diminiah, our understanding of chemical weapons

Some opponents of the treaty claim that it would create yet another costly international bureaucracy and place an onerous regulatory burden on American business. Both assertions are overstated. Our share for administering the treaty would be about \$25 million a year, a truly modest amount in a Federal budget of about \$1.7 trillion. Only about 140 companies would have significant reporting requirements, while some 2,000 others would be asked to fill out

a short form. Moreover, failure to ratify the

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treaty would actually cost the American chemical industry bundreds of millions of dollars in sales by making United States exporters subject to trade restrictions by convention members. Our joining the convention could belp American business which is why the chemical industry supports ratification.

Other critics assert that the treaty would somehow infringe on our national sovereignty - in particular, the Fourth Amendment ban on unreasonable search and seizure. In fact, it explicitly permits members to abide by their constitutional requirements when providing access to ional inspectors. Under the interna treaty, involuntary inspection of American manufacturing and storage sites would still require legally acquired search warrants. The idea that ratifying the treaty would repeal part of our Bill of Rights is simply

But by far the most important argument against the treaty is that ratification would somehow undermine our national security.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Let me be blunt: The idea that Ronald Reagan and George Bush would negotiate a treaty detrimental to this nation's security is grotesque.

The United States does not oeed chemical weapons as a deterrent. Any nation or group contemplating a chemical attack against us must reckon with our overwhelming conventional force and vast nuclear arsenal. Each is more than sufficient to deter a chemical attack.

Chemical weapons are relatively easy to develop and cheap to manufacture, so it is no coincidence that the rogue nations now seeking to build chemical arsenals are economically impoverished and technologically backward. Unlike Iraq or Libya, we don't need such weapons to project our influence. In fact, we are already committed - under a law signed in 1985 by President Reagan - to destroy our existing chemical weapons stockpile by 2004. We will do this whether or not we ratify the

hat we need is a way to limit that risk American troops or civilians may someday face a chemical weapons attack. The convection can help do precisely this by cootrolling the flow of illicit trade materials and by making it easier to marshal international support for the political, diplomatic and economic isolation of countries that refuse to ratify

If we fail to ratify the convention, we will not only forgo any influence in the continuing effort against chemical weapons, we will also risk postponing indefinitely any progress on an international ban on the equally dire threat of biological weapons. More generally, we will imperil our leadership in the entire area of non-

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Women's Work

The two great women of Georgetown lived through history that others could only read about. They were raised to be the opposite of what they became. For years, they were happily in the shadow of famous men. Then, widowed, both struggled to remake themselves as serious players in arenas where women were rare.

Pamela Digby Churchill Hayward Harriman and Katharine Graham have been dominating attention in the

Mourners called Mrs. Harriman's elaborate funeral at the National Cathedral on Thursday "her last cocktail party," perfectly calculated and coolly orchestrated for the cameras, a three-layer cake, where the elite of the elite jockeyed for good seats.

Mrs. Graham has been celebrated in a happier way, with raves and fetes for ber memoir, in which she describes the awful story of losing her husband twice, first to a mistress and then to suicide, and the bracing story of how she transformed herself from a doormat into a publisher whose brave decisions on the Pentagon Papers and Watergate changed the character of American journalism.

Superficially, the lives of these women, who were friendly but not intimate, followed similar arcs. But Pamela and Kay were as different as Scarlett and Melanie, ooe full of guile, the other guileless, one seif-centered and showy, the other shy and modest, one promoting berself as a great sex symbol, the other painfully insecure.

Mrs. Graham was born to the arena, while Mrs. Harriman was always struggling to get into it. While Kay was still an ungainly, unsophisticated bousewife, Pamela was already the original Cosmo Girl, tailoring berself to trap dukes, princes and millionaires, changing religions like clothes to suit the hunt, treating wives as minor obstacles. She was praised by one lover, Elie de Rothschild, as his "European geisha," and by one husband, Leland Hayward, as "the greatest courtesan of the century."

Mrs. Harriman's life was like a series of glamorous stage sets. She would build each one meticulously, then strike it after it had bad its use. In her final role she did gain some respect as Ambassador to France. Mrs. Graham spent 30 years building one great institution, The Washington

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WASHINGTON ful men, extracting elements of their personas to make them her own. (She assumed Winston Churchill's deep, rolling cadences and talk of "Nahrrrzis.") Mrs. Graham inherited a newspaper but then remade it and herself the way women in the modern age do, by grit, intelligeoce and hard work.

Mrs. Harriman was angry about biographies by Christopher Ogdeo and Sally Bedell Smith that dwelled on the piaygiri years. Unlike Mrs. Graham, who was startlingly honest in her book, Mrs. Harriman wanted her biographers to explain how she and her father-in-law Winston Churchill won the war, and how she revived the

Two fabulous transformations.

Democratic Party in the 80's. "Pamela wanted to be adored, and later respected," said Mr. Ogden. "Kay

Graham wanted to be understood." Mrs. Harriman will never be seen as a great figure in the world of diplomacy. But she will be seen as a great figure in the world of salons - present at virtually every important juncture

in the history of her time. If you read about Mrs. Harriman to learn the secret of her allure, you will be disappointed. The vixen was a nanoy. It must have been hard to fetch so many slippers, mix so many martinis, puff so many pillows, tilt so many umbrellas to guard ber men from the sum, and look so adoring, no matter how tedious the man.

Mrs. Harriman's work was never done. Lovers disappointed her. Stepchildren loathed ber. Relatives sued her. There lurked always, for her, the fear that she was an object of fascination, but also ridicule.

At her funeral, there was more rolling of eyes than drying of eyes, when the President called ber legacy "the growing promise of a Europe undivided," and repeated Jacques Chirac's description of her as the best ambassador to France since Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson.

But those who are reading Mrs. Graham's book and thinking about her life are not rolling their eyes. They are admiring a woman who did not owe her importance to seduction. There

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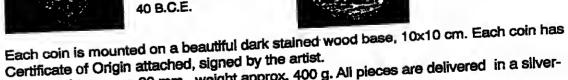
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The Fight Went 8 Rounds, The Film Took 22 Years

It was meant to be a black 'Woodstock.' what it became." but Ali ended up

dominating both the screen and

the ring.

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By WILL JOYNER

NY directors can say truthfully that they lived with a movie for a long time. 'Few can mean this as literally as Leon Gast, whose documentary "When We Were Kings," a vérité study of Muhammad Ali's unlikely recovery of boxing's top title in 1974, opened on Friday.

In the late 1970's and early 80's, after financing for the movie had disappeared in a web of shaky deals and political intrigue, Mr. Gast shared his apartment on West 86th Street in Manhattan with about 300,000 feet of film and 100,000 feet of audio tape that he and his 40-member crew had brought back from Kinshasha, Zaire. That's where the 32-year-old Mr. Ali scored one of boxing's biggest upsets, knocking out George Foreman, a devastating puncher six years his junior, to regain the litle his draft-evasion conviction had forced him to give up seven years before.

"There were boxes everywhere in this place," Mr. Gast, a boyish 60, recalled recently, gesturing to the warren of pleasant rooms that he now shares with his wife, Geri, and their dog, Scamp. "The closets were filled. So was my bedroom."

At this point, "When We Were Kings" is a lean, intense 90-minute film that has attracted much praise. (ft was shown in theaters for a week in October, to qualify for Oscar consideration, and last week It received an Academy Award nomination. It has already been honored by the New York Film Critics Circle, the Los Angeles Film Critics Association and the National Society of Film Critics as best documentary of 1996.) But an account of how the film came to exist at all is a story almost as outsized as its primary subject, Mr. Ali, who today is silenced by Parkinson's disease but in 1974 was one of the world's most brilliant talkers, especially on Issues of black identity.

It is a story about the nuances of race, the vagaries of the entertainment industry and the whims of American celebrity. On a personal level, it is a story of the sometimes quixotic perseverance of Mr. Gast and the lawyer and music-management figure David Sonenberg, who eventually became the film's execu-



Mr. Ali in Kinshasha, Zaire, before the big fight.

tive producer, in the face of large legal and technical obstacles.

As Mr. Gast and Mr. Sonenberg tell it, this story starts in late 1973. A group of promoters, including Don King, had convinced Mobutu Sese Seko, the autocratic leader of Zaire. that his country should sponsor both the Ali-Foreman fight and a music festival that would bring together African performers and Americans like James Brown, B. B. King and Miriam Makeba. Also envisioned was a film that would serve as a sort of black "Woodstock."

Mr. Gast, who had made several movies on Latin music and was working on documentaries about the Grateful Dead and the Hell's Angels, inquired about the job of director. At first, he was tripped up by a racial consideration. "King felt that a white person wouldn't have the sensitivity or sensibility to make a film about black performers in Africa,"

recalled Mr. Gast. With the stipulation that half his crew be black, he ended up getting the job anyway - Mr. King, a man of great chutzpah, was finally impressed by Mr. Gast's chutzpah in dealing with the Hell's Angels. "The

day they sald I had the job, I hired a crew, went down to Deer Lake, Pa., and started shooting Ali at his training camp," he said. "It was always an intention to include the fighting, but the film wasn't supposed to be

The date for the fight, billed as the Rumble in the Jungle, was Sept. 25, 1974; the festival was to take place on the three days before. Mr. Gast was told that the film and the festival were being financed by a British company, International Films and

The Americans arrived in Kinshasa in early September. Then on Sept. 20, just five days before the fight, the whole production suffered a significant setback when Mr. Foreman was cut above his right eye in a sparring session. This meant that the fight had to be postponed for about six weeks. Because of the musicians' obligations elsewhere in later days, the music festival was forced to proceed. But just as it was to start, in a stadium that could hold 100,000 people, most of the thousands of journalists and other Westerners who had come to Zaire were abrupt-

ly leaving. "The money from the gate was going to be the money f had for postproduction, but there was no money," said Mr. Gast. "The only people who showed up on the first night were people who worked in the embassies. Then they made it a free

To protect Zaire's \$f4 million investment, Mr. Mobutu in effect preveoted Mr. Ali, Mr. Foreman and their eotourages from leaving the country, so Mr. Gast turned his cameras on the fighters. At the time, Mr. Foreman was not the affable figure he is on television commercials today; for the most part, the young champion, who clearly did not feel comfortable among the African people, appeared only at news conferences. Mr. Ali, on the other hand, adored and was adored by the Africans, and he wefcomed all the attention be could get.

In 1967, Mr. Ali had refused induction into the Army because of his status as a minister of the Nation of Islam and had been forced to relinquish his title and retire from boxing after he was convicted of draft evasion. In 1971, the Supreme Court had overturned that conviction (he had been allowed to resume fighting in late-1970), but it had taken him-several vears to work his way back to the top of his game, both as a boxer and as an unorthodox spokesman for black nationalism.

fn Zalre, he allowed Mr. Gast's crew to follow him in the streets as he led the people in the chant "Ali, bomaye," which means "Ali, kill him." and to spend hours in his villa, where he held forth eloquently on the pan-African mission of Muhammad Ali. It is these rare, intimate scenes that 23 years later make "When We Were Kings" such an unusual film; In them, Mr. Ali speaks - sometimes in banter but often in the quiet, firm tones of confession - about how black Americans needed to take responsibility for their own lives.

On Oct. 30, in a fight held at 4 A.M. because of the closed-circuit broadcast to the United States, Mr. Ali stunned virtually everyone around the globe with an interest in boxing: instead of "dancing" away from Mr. Foreman's attack, as he had said he would do, he went to the ropes and absorbed blow after blow until the younger man was spent. Then he somehow shook off the punishment and mounted an attack of his own, and his comeback was complete.

Back in New York Mr. Gast faced financial and creative catastrophe. When he and his lawyer, Mr. Sonenberg, tried to get international Films and Records to reimburse money that the film maker had laid out in Zaire, they found that there was no such company on record in Britain. "After the better part of a year," said Mr. Sonenberg, "we found it in the Cayman Islands." The stockholder of record was Stephen A. Tolbert, the Finance Minister of Liberia and a member of that country's ruling family, which was soon swept from power in a bloody coup.

Mr. Gast visited Liberia and met with Mr. Tolbert, who promised to come up with money to finish the movie, but it was not forthcoming as the political climate in Liberia shifted, and Mr. Soneoberg sued the shell corporation. By 1978, Mr. Gast owned the boxes of film and audio tage, but the prospects of fashioning a movie out of it all were increasingly discouraging, ft was clear that such a film should center on Mr. Ali, and the market was saturated. "Ali was king of the world," explained Mr. Sonenberg. "You could see him on TV on a regular basis, doing his

thing." For most of the next decade, Mr. Gast made a living primarily by working on the productions of other people, including his friend the documentary maker Barbara Kopple, but at home he concentrated on the material from Zaire. Because he could not afford to rent an editing room, he moved an editing unit into his study. "It wouldn't fit through this door, so f had to get a guy with an electric saw to cut this out," Mr. Gast said, jumping up from a sofa to point out

an irregularity in a wall.

In the mid-80's, he acquired a sophisticated video-editing system and began the lengthy task of transferring the film to videotape, so that he would have greater flexibility in putting together sequences to show poteotial backers. He also occasionally sent segments to Mr. Ali, who loved what he saw. "At one point," Mr. Gast said wistfully, "I got a telephone call from him. He said, 'Do you know who this is?' I said, 'Do you remember me?' He said, 'Yeah, you're the skinny, ugly guy.' "

Mr. Gast's luck began to shift in f986 when he asked Mr. Sonenberg, who had stopped practicing law and had become a successful manager of rock and rap artists, to help him negotiate with someone who wanted to invest in the film. Mr. Sonenberg quickly realized that no investment agreement would be possible until numerous music-copyright questions were settled. He believed that he could do this, and he began to regain interest in the fifm as he watched the sequences Mr. Gast had put together.

Soon, Mr. Sonenberg decided to finance completion of the movie with more than \$400,000 of his own money, and "When We Were Kings" began to take shape. He found room in his offices for Mr. Gast to work. The boxes of film stock and audio tape were shifted to the basement of Mr. Sonenberg's Riverside Drive town

But even when an mitial video version of the film was completed. in the early 1990's, their troubles were far from over. Because they wanted the movie to have a theatrical release, they had to return to the original film stock and piecé together a f6-mm copy, then have that blown up to 35-mm. They also had to acquire the right to use broadcast tape of the fight, which Mr. Gast had not been allowed to film because of the contract for the 1974 closed-circuit feed. and have the quality of that tape enhanced.

Most important, they realized that as compelling as such an intimate window onto the 70's was, the film somehow had to be "brought into the 90's," to attract a young audience. Mr. Sonenberg believed that this could be done, in part, through the addition of contemporary music. "I had these rap artists who, as we were working on the film in the late 80's and early 90's, were coming in and had no idea who Muhammad Ali was," he said. "But they would sit here for hours looking at the stuff."

In additioo to the original festival music, "When We Were Kings" (the title, created by Mr. Sonenberg, is an unspecific, unabashedly nostalgic evocation of the 70's) includes two new songs, one performed by Brian McKnight and Diana King, the other by assorted rap stars, including the Fugees.

Another idea was offered by the Hollywood director Taylor Hackford, who had seeo a rough cut. Mr. Hackford thought that the film might be helped by the insertion of present-day interviews with experts who could comment oo the significance of the Ali-Foreman fight and Mr. Ali's place in American history. He suggested Norman Mailer and George Plimpton, who had been in Zaire as journalists; Spike Lee, and the Ali biographer Thomas Hauser. Mr. Gast and Mr. Sonenberg hesitantly allowed Mr. Hackford to film these interviews, then warmed to the idea when they saw the results.

A year ago, Mr. Gast was invited to show "When We Were Kings" at the Sundance Film Festival. He picked up the final print of the film the night before he was to fly to Utah. The next day, his taxi had a flat tire on the way to Kennedy International Airport. He caught the flight, but soon after takeoff, the airplane had to return to Kennedy after colliding with a flock of birds. Then a snowstorm immobilized New York. Mr. Gast had to call Sundance and ask them to delay his film's first screening before an audience.

Mr. Gast made it to Utah the next day. "When We Were Kings" was shown and generally admired. And in the next weeks, Mr. Sonenberg received 17 lucrative offers to buy the movie. He eventually accepted an offer from Gramercy Pictures, a division of Polygram, which also agreed to a recording deal.

What is it that Mr. Gast feels as he finally watches other people embrace "When We Were Kings"? Triumph? Vindication? He paused, then said that perhaps he could best answer with this Sundance anecdote:

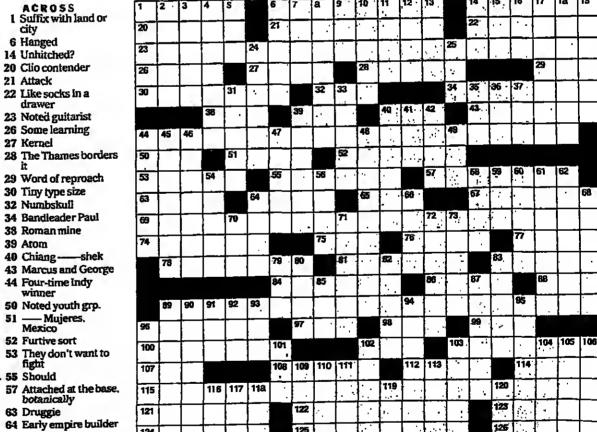
"There weren't many African-Americans in Park City, Utah, except for people with the film companies. But there was one woman. I had watched her come in with a child to a screening, and she sat through the question-and-answer period. Then she came up and stood off to the side. Finally, I said: 'Yes? How did you like the film?' I'd say she was in her 60's. Her response was, 'Never in my life could f have imagined white bands crafting such black pride.' And she started to cry. And my wife, who was standing there, started to cry. And I started to work away the tears. Then this guy who had been watching this whole thing stuck out his hand and said, 'I'm Michael Kuhn, president of Polygram Filmed Entertainment, and I want this mov-



Muhammad Ali training in Zaire for his 1974 light

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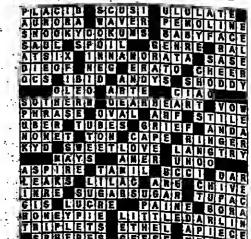
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Lessons from a landscape architect

Who says conservation-minded development has to cost more? Esther Hecht interviews a leading American urban planner with close ties to Israel

the same vista that inspired the prophet 3,000 years ago. Now, however, that view is in danger of being blocked by new hotels.

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"In the long run, in 100 to 1,000 years, the historical landscape will be more important [as an attraction to tourists] than hotels," said Carl Steinitz, who has been a professor of landscape



Steinitz: Conservation and national security can go hand in

architecture and planning at the Harvard Graduate School of Design since 1973. "But who is worrying about the long run and how that affects the short-run decisions of development?"

In fact, the landscape of the entire country is changing in similar ways and it's mainly a matter of short-sightedness, according to Steinitz, whose close personal and professional ties with Israel bring him here on frequent visits. The finding of our studies (in the

Visitor to the cave of US] that really wakes people up Elijah can gaze from is that if they don't act in the next Mount Carmel at nearly 15 years, there won't be anything left to save," Stemitz said. "And that's true of the area between Tel Aviv and Haifa."

In the early 80s, Steinitz, with architect Moshe Safdie (then at the GSD), helped lead the Harvard-Jerusalem project - a set of studies that influenced local planners to scrap some designs that would have had disastrous results for the city.

Steinitz's former colleagues and students - including Shlomo Aronson, Nurit Lissovsky and Uri Shetrit - are all prominent in architecture, landscape architecture and urban planning bere. Like him, they are intensely concerned about what it will be like to live here 10, 20 or 100 years from now.

But Steinitz is no prophet of doom spouting jeremiads. He brings a message of hope. He has devoted much of his academic and professional career to improving methods by which planners and designers analyze information about large land areas and make decisions about conscivation and development.

The bottom line, illustrated in his recent talk to Harvard alumni at the Jaffa office of Uri Shetrit Architects, Ltd., was that development with conservation is not significantly more expensive than unfettered development. But it requires meticulous forethought, including consideration of seemingly esoteric details like how a road cutting an area in two would. lead to the extinction of a species of wildlife.

Yet conservation need not be at the expense of population growth, Steinitz believes. Even Israel has room for considerable

growth. "The problem is that the conservation is not being done first or even at the same time" as the major development projects. He described a recent US-based

research project on how urban growth and change in the rapidly developing area between San Diego and Los Angeles would affect the region of Camp Pendleton, a Marine Corps base of immense strategic importance. The area has the highest biodiversity of any area in the US, and apart from Las Vegas, it is the fastest-growing area in terms of population. There are one million residents now; this number is expected to double in the next 30

In many ways the Camp Pendleton region, which is onethird the size of Israel, is similar to this country. As more and more land is paved, increasing amounts of rainfall are lost in runoff to the sea and there is a growing danger of flooding. And, as in the Tel-Aviv-Haifa coastal strip, in the course of a generation or two, an unbuilt area with urban centers is becoming one sprawling urban area dotted with isolated, unbuilt "natural areas."

Steinitz has been using computer programs to project change since he came to Harvard in 1966. But the Camp Pendleton study was the first in which all the data were already available on computers. And though in the past such projects were undertaken by researchers at the same institution, this study was conducted on the Internet by people working at half a dozen institutions.

Perhaps the most daunting finding of the study was one related to national security. A storm in 1993 generated a flood that dumped mud a meter deep on

writers and educators, two

Middle East experts, four jurists,

three teachers, a sociologist, a

police officer and two civil ser-

The primary importance of the

The court, whose power of

review was also unchallenged,

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sion was not in doubt, but it was

not absolute.



Urban sprawl around Haifa: 'If Israel doesn't act in the next 15 years there won't be anything left to save,' says landscape architect Carl Steinitz.

Camp Pendleton, closing down the base for nearly a month and thus creating a national emer-

If the current trend of regional development were to continue without any conservation efforts, computer projections show that a storm of the same magnitude would be far more catastrophic for the base, burying it under double the amount of mud.

Like here, the Camp Pendleton region must bave periodic fires to maintain its native vegetation, But one consequence of urbanization, Steinitz said with dry humor, is that residents build houses in the middle of fire-prone areas, from the middle to the upper reaches of the slopes, and then "insist on having firemen to put out fires." Constantly putting out fires leads to a build-up of

fuel, resulting in conflagrations like the ones that ravaged the western approach to Jerusalem in

IN DETERMINING the dangers to the natural species in the Camp Pendleton region region, the researchers used three different theoretical approaches to evaluate biodiversity. Some effects of development on species are not immediately obvious. A planned foad would break the cougar population around Camp Pendleton into two colonies. The resulting inbreeding within the colonies would lead to the cougars' extinc-

tion within a century. The researchers also consulted residents of the area, asking about visual preferences. Predictably, the residents' choice was for a scenic landscape. Today

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By D'YORA BEN SHAUL

region, but current development trends would make virtually every road in the area uglier.

To get a clearer picture of problem areas. Steinsitz's graduate students looked at "the most important map ever," made of two transparent layers, one with conservation priorities marked in green, another with development priorities marked in red. Where the original colors are visible, there is no conflict between conservationists and developers. Brown indicates areas of con-

The students came up with a plan that reduces the urban sprawl and concentrates development in a new urban center built around parks. They also presented a set of guidelines for further development. "If you follow the

there is a scenic route through the rules, it won't be necessarily wonderful, but it won't be terrible," as it would be without any conservation efforts, Steinitz

> They also figured out what it would cost to buy the priority land needed for conservation, set up the guidelines and provide the necessary infrastructure. The total cost of all the conservation efforts is \$270 million. This outlay would save the state \$250m. needed to divert floodwater from Camp Pendleton if no conservation were undertaken. The difference in cost is negligible, but the difference in quality of life would

The entire Camp Pendleton project can be accessed at: htp://www.GSD. harvard.edu/BRC/ BRC.html

research facility from which one strain of lethal rabbit virus has

Researchers had already consid-

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LAW REPORT

Pornography versus art

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By ASHER FELIX LANDAU

In the Supreme Court, sitting as a High Caurt of Justice, before the President Justice Aharon Barak, and Justices Eliyahu Mazza and Mishael Cheshin, in the matter of Station Film Company Ltd., and another, petiin tioners, versus the Films and Plays Censorship Board and the Interior Minister, respondents (H.C. 4804/94).

The Films and Plays Censorship Board authorized, by majority decision, the screening of the film L'Empire des Sens before adults only, subject to the excision of 10 short scenes.

The showing of these excerpts was a matter of some seconds. but the board ruled they were pornographic, and there was a near certainty they would seri-ously offend public feelings and damage the foundations of our

The exhibitor submitted, in the main, that the film had artistic value, and should therefore be screened in its entirety.

JUSTICE BARAK, delivering the first judgment and citing several precedents, first emphasized the basic right of freedom of expression, "the very soul of democracy." On the other hand, like all

basic rights, it was not absolute.
Thus the limitation of pornography would be justified if its publication would create a near certainty of damage to the public welfare.

He then closely examined several Israeli, American, English, Canadian, and West German precedents and texts dealing with the meaning of pomography and obscenity, and the tests to be applied in restricting their publication. The distinguished American

Justice Brennan had held that "sex and obscenity are not synonymous... The portrayal of sex e.g. in art, literature, and scientific works, is not in itself sufficient reason to deny material the constitutional protection of freedom of speech and press." The authorities, the President

continued, furnished the necessary guidance to the board's considerations. Thus the US Supreme Court had posed the question "whether to the average person, applying contemporary community standards, the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appeals to prurient interest."

The material had to be considered as a whole. Thus it was held that "judging obscenity by the effect of isolated passages upon the most susceptible persons might well encompass material legitimately treating with sex, and so it must be rejected as unconstitutionally restrictive of the freedom of speech and

Or "One may not take individ-ual parts of the work out of context and examine them separately to see if they merit criminal pro-

Justice Barak also mentioned the well-known examples of Lawrence'a Lady Chatterly's Lover, Joyce's Ulysses", and Cleiand's Fanny Hill', to which the courts had applied the above

Finally, it had been held "Artistic expression rests at the heart of freedom of expression, and any doubt in this regard must be resolved in favor of freedom of expression.'

It was true, he said, the court was not the board, its function being to review the reasonableness of the board's decision. However, there was ample material before the board to establish the artistic value of the film which had received prizes in major exhibitions, and was favorably reviewed in numerous leading papers such as the Times

and Newsweek. Nevertheless it did not first consider the film as a whole with special regard to its artistic value, as the law required it to do, and then decide on the infinence of the 10 pornographic pas-

Its decision to excise those passages without doing so was unreasonable, and there was no alternative but to set it aside. He proposed, therefore, that the petition be allowed, and that the permit be granted for screening before adults only, subject to the excision of two passages to which the petitioners agreed.

JUSTICE MAZZA concurred. Justice Cheshin dissented from his colleagues. He did not accept the dual test laid down by the President requiring the board to act in the two successive stages mentioned.

That approach, be said, was applied in the precedents to criminal proceedings for publishing obscene material. Such proceedings were fundamentally different from those of a public board, for a criminal trial required the judge to interpret the particular Law involved, and the procedure referred to was held appropriate

for that purpose.
The board was in an entirely different situation. Section 6 (2) of the Cinematograph Films Ordinance of 1927 empowers the board. board, "in its discretion, to grant, either with or without conditions.

or withhold authority for the exhibition of any film or any part There was not a word about its rocedures or bow it must fulfill its task. It was also not limited to dealing only with pornography. decision. There was no basis for imposing Justice Cheshin also noted that the procedure suggested. Of while there was clearly no objec-

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governing public bodies, there was no ground for the court's It was also important that the board, appointed by the interior minister, was widely representative of public opinion. It comcensorship board. prised four journalists, three

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Oren Tsafrir appeared for the

Senior Assistant State Attorney, appeared for the board. The judgment was given on January 9, 1997.

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Twelve members participated in its last meeting on the instant issue eight of whom voted to excise the 10 passages referred to (which he described in detail), and four of whom wished to ban the film entirely. There was no reason for interfering with this

the constitutional and legal systems in the two countries should not be overlooked when seeking He also dealt with the different censorship considerations between books and films, the vary-

ing attitudes towards pornography in our times, prior and post banning of offensive material, and the place in our times of a For the reasons given above he

In the result, and by majority decision, the petition was allowed as decided by the

These animals are not native to Australia but were imported, apparently from England, over a

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long fight against rabbits.

century ago. The prolific little lagomorphs rapidly reproduced to the point where their depredations on pasture lands actually threatened Australia's cattle and sheep industry. No amount of hunting and trapping seemed to be able to control their explosive popula-

About 40 years ago, the Australians decided to launch biological warfare against the rabbits and imported a virulent train of myxoma virus which causes a disease called myxomytocis in rabbits. But myxomytocis doesn't always kill the rabbit and there were survivors even in areas where at least 90 per cent of rabbits died. These survivors soon



Tuned in? The news is bad for Australian bunnies.

recovered and they repopulated the continent with a strain of rabbits that were naturally immune to

So, the Australians had to equip their arsenal with a new weapon aimed at destroying rabbits. To this purpose they set up the

Although the Australians want to cut back the ever expanding rabbit population they do not want to totally wipe out the rabbit population because doing so would be a possibly fatal blow to foxes and other predators that bave learned to depend on rabbits as their chief food source. Already in the areas hardest hit there are reports of starving predators and wildlife experts say it may get even worse.

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Tadmor:

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Scitex bid

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Davidi Gilo, Israeli high-tech entrepreneur and CEO of DSP

Communications, has not renewed his bid to buy a control-

ling share of Scitex Corporation Ltd., Scitex Chairman Dov

"There bas been talk that Gilo

intends to make another offer,

but we have not received one,"

Tadmor said in response to

reports in Ha'aretz and Globes that claimed Gilo had renewed

his hostile takeover bid for the

ailing, Herzliya-based developer

of digital printing and assorted

Tadmor said that at last week's

communications products.

Tadmor said yesterday:

in brief

January money supply up 3.4%

The nation's money supply rose last month by a relatively sharp 3.4 percent, according to data released yesterday by the Bank of Israel. The amount of cash stashed across the economy is up to NIS 17.5 billion after January's expansion, which marked the steepest monthly rise since July last year. Central bank officials responded calmly, however, saying that growth in money supply should be seen against the backdrop of declining Jerusalem Post Staff inflation and interest rates.

Elta wins IDF radar tender

The IDF will receive a new radar for the detection of closerange ground and air threats devised by Israel Aircraft Industries' Elta subsidiary, executives said yesterday. The new radar, called EL/M-2129, is a ground-based system for security and paramilitary applications which detects and monitors movements in specific areas. Executives said the radar automatically spots moving targets such as vehicles, flying helicopters and even people at ranges of up to 10 kilometers.

Defense sources said the radar could be a tool in the fight against Hizbullah in south Lebanon and can also detect packages weighing as little as 20 kilograms. IAI executives said Elta won the contract in a competition that included several international firms, such as Thomson SA in Paris, the US firm IAL and a British company.

KFC to open restaurant in Gaza

Gaza will soon get its first American fast-food outlet. A Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant will open next month near the beach in Gaza City, the franchise holder Haidar Abu Karsh said last week. The restaurant will serve chicken raised in Gaza hus will import KFC's spices from Egypt.

He bought the franchise with two partners through an Egyptian. firm for \$200,000 and has already sent employees to Egypt for training. PepsiCo Inc said last month it would spin off its restaurant operations, including KFC, by distributing shares to existing

COMPANY RESULTS

Tadiran net increases 64%

Tadiran Telecommunications, the manufacturer of advanced telecommunications equipment and systems worldwide, reported a 64 percent growth in net income last year to \$41.4 million from \$25.2m. in 1995. Net income for the fourth quarter rose to \$3.7m. from \$3.6m. in the same period in 1995. Revenues for 1996 increased 20.9% to \$468.6m. from \$387.5m. Revenues for the fourth quarter increased to \$102.1m. from \$97.4m. Fourth quarter sales to Bezeq, its largest customer, fell to \$29m. from \$43m. in the same quarter in the previous year. In all of 1996, sales to Bezeg went up to \$216m, from \$193m, in 1995.

Export sales grew 55% in the fourth quarter to \$53m, from \$34m, in the same quarter of 1995. Export sales last year grew 46% to \$174m. from \$119m. In the fourth quarter, the company received new orders from Jamaica, Belgium, Scotland, Poland and other countries. Galit Lipkis Beck

Adanim net up 18%

Adanim Mortgage Bank reported an 18.2% growth in net earnings last year to NIS 7.31m. from NIS 6.18m. in the same period in 1995. Net return on equity on an annual basis increased to 14.3% from 13.8%. Management said the growth in earnings is in line with the last few year's expansion in activities. Total assets grew to NIS 2.27 billion

Discount, gov't in feverish effort to hold offer in time

Postponement might cause delay in Leumi, UMB offers

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

The 1996 financial statements of Mercantile Discount Bank and Discount Mortgage Bank will be included in Bank Discount's prospectus, as part of attempts by the bank and government to stand by the original plan to float a 17-percent stake in Israel's third largest bank during the first quarter this year.

A postponement of the issue is likely to cause a delay in the government's sale of Bank Leumi and United Mizrahi Bank's shares, which are currently planned for the second quarter. MI Holdings general manager Meir Yacobson refused to comment on the issue.

The Securities Authority refused to approve Bank

delaying the offering, which was due to take place this week. The authority has subjected the approval to the receipt of more information regarding the sum of additional allowances for doubtful debts in the fourth quarter.

During the last few days MI Holdings, Bank Discount, underwriters and the Securities Authority have negotiated ways of pushing forward the issue, which is based on the banks' financial statements for the first nine months of 1996.

According to Securities Authority's regulations, the deadline for publishing a prospectus hased on third-quarter financial statements is the end of February.

Yacobson said several alterna-

Discount's prospectus last week, tives are being considered, including the inclusion of 1996 statements financial for Mercantile and Discount

Mortgage banks.
The additional allowances for doubtful debts are mainly due to the building sector. The publication of the subsidiaries' results are expected to assist investors in deciding whether to take part in

"We are checking several alter-natives, hat everything is dependent on the Securities Authority's decision," Yacohson said.

MI Holdings and the Securities Authority initially requested Bank Discount to record the amount of additional provisions in the prospectus, but Bank Discount said it will take them several weeks to calculate the

exact figures.

The issue, which is in the framework of the government's privatization plans, is expected to raise a total of NIS 650 million, of which NIS 170m, will be immediate. The bank has been valued for this offering at NIS

3.9 billion. Meanwhile, MI Holdings intends to allow institutional investors that participated in the pre-sale of Bank Discount's shares last week to change their orders. The pre-sale closed at NIS 171 per unit, about 0.6 per-

cent above the minimum price. Capital market sources said the recent drop in Bank Discount's shares and reports of large provi-sions from the building sector have reduced the shares attrac-

board meeting Scitex's directors did not discuss the rumors regarding Gilo's reported plans to offer \$1S - \$17 per share in exchange for a controlling stake in the company.

Tadmor also denied other reports that International Paper

has demonstrated an interest in unloading its 13.3% holding in

Due to an agreement between the controlling shareholders. International Paper cannot sell its stake in the company without consent from Clal and Discount Investment Corporation,

Last week, Scitex posted 1996 losses of \$178.3m., compared to 199S losses of \$34.5m.

In March, Gilo made an offer to pay \$20 a share for Scitex. He increased the offer to \$25 a share in April but dropped the bid in May after the company refused

Following the rebuff, Gilo said that he would "continue to monitor developments at Scitex close-

So far, Gilo has not made any renewed offers.

Scitex, once considered the glory of Israel's high-tech industry, has been on a steady downward spiral since the end of

Back then, the company bad some \$300m. in cash and its Nasdaq-traded shares hit a high

But, as a result of the company's inability to stay ahead of the competition, its profits began to company's passive

the marketplace caused further

Despite recovery plans Scitex's profits and profitability continned to deteriorate.

The company's stock, which has been steadily decreasing since December 1992, closed at

\$9.50 on Friday. Less than four weeks ago, the stock was trading at \$12.

Following the November release of the company's third-

quarter results, Scitex announced drastic restructuring program that included plans to fire 17% of the company's 3,700 employees. So far Scitex bas cut 8% of its workforce.

Scitex's three divisions graphic arts, digital video and digital printing – make such products as digital cameras and scanners, color workstations and fi professional inkjet color printers. The company recently went

through a spate of changes in top the leading management, including the resignation of Patrick Karieva, who was hired seven months ago as CEO of Scitex America. The company denied reports that other top management would beb



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The Shahal emergency medicine company has unveiled the country's first home application of the integrated services digital network (ISDN) - a TV phone

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that lets subscribers and Shahal center doctors see each other and speed diagnosis, overcoming beart patients' reluctance to seek help for every little pain.

The TV phone, manufactured hy British Telecom, links up with Bezeg's ISDN lines to provide what is apparently the first such medical application anywhere in

the world. Images on the 12.7-centimeter color screen are very crisp and lifelike, but the service is not cheap: NIS 5,400 for the device plus NIS 480 (a special introductory offer) for the ISDN phone

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Shahal, which has 40,000 subscribers around the country for its other services, said it does not intend to rent out the phones at present, but only to sell them.

The innovation, which yesterday elicited much interest, was kept carefully under wraps: Shahai staffers themselves were shown the new device only on

Prof. Arye Roth, a medical adviser for Shahal, noted that heart patients are typically reluctant to seek help when suffering symptoms, believing they will go

This makes the average time between suffering heart attack symptoms and going to the hospital about three hours.

The delay significantly increases the risk of death, as medications to dissolve blood clots in a coronary artery are most effective when administered shortly after the attack.

Shahal, which has until now offered a service transmitting electrocardiograms over a phone line, has reduced the delay time to an average of only 44 minutes among its subscribers.

The TV phone is expected to shrink this period even more. Patients with the device feel that medical staff are with them in their home rather than far away, and reduces anxiety about getting ill. Shahal officials said.

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Union Bank to cut workforce by 9%

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Union Bank's management has announced a voluntary retirement plan which is aimed at shrinking its 1.100-strong work-force by up to 100 employees. A bank spokesman emphasized

that the plan, estimated at NIS 7 million, has nothing to do with the government's intentions to sell an additional 24-percent share of Union Bank to the

Eliyahu Group.
The group, which already holds 60% of the bank, is very close to signing the agreement.

The plan is part of Union Bank's attempts to increase efficiency and cut back on surplus workers, mainly veteran employ-Union Bank has not undergone

any major cutbacks since the

Shlomo Eliyahu Group acquired control of it from Bank Leumi and the government in 1993. Management is offering the workers retirement compensation of up to 180 percent of accumu-

lated compensation, in addition to a salary during a three-month period of adaptation. "The implication of this is that in most cases they will receive retirement compensation equiva-

lent to 200%," management said. Emphasizing that the bank is operating with surplus workers, the spokesman said Union Bank bas recently opened new new branches without hiring new

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workers.

The bank intends to open branches in Netanya, Kfar Sava, Haifa and Rosh Ha'ayin, he said. In recent years many of the. country's banks bave offered employees voluntary retirement

Last year these plans led to the retirement of 140 workers at United Mizrahi Bank and 312 in Bank Leumi. Bank Discount also intends to offer its workers a plan of this kind. Union Bank completed the first

nine months of 1996 with an g.2% rise in net profit to NIS 37m. from the same period in The bank's net profits in the third quarter last year rose 64.4%

to NIS 12m., mainly because of a

drop in allocation for taxes. resigning in the future. Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (11.9.96) a MONTHS

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The Jerusalem Post Monday, February 17, 1997

Comex

gold closes

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By MICHAEL ZWEBNER

Comex gold for current delivery closed at \$346.40 per onnce, com-

pared with a close of \$342.50 on

The most active March gold contract settled at \$346.40, up \$3.90.

The April gold contract settled at

\$346.70, up \$3.70 after trading in a

The most active March silver.

contract settled at \$5,252, up 11

cents, after trading in a range of \$5.130/275, and the May silver contract senied at \$5.302 op 11

April platinum closed up 2.4 at \$372.00 and March palladium fin-ished down 3.25 at \$136.75 Grain

futures at the Chicago Board of

Trade (CBT) closed mostly mixed

ahead of the long holiday weekend. Grain markets at the CBT will be closed today for Presidents' Day. Com opened around steady levels and wheat opened slightly

lower. Both markets later found.

some support and prices were

mostly steady to firmer at midses-

sion. Shortly after, wheat saw some

two-sided trade, while com held in

At the close, however, both mar-

kets pared their gains and settled narrowly mixed. Some sources said

wheat found support from engoing

news that Pakistan is expected to

tender for a large amount of US

Sources said the question

Australia will receive any of the

Pakistani business or whether the

US will garner all of the 450,000

A CBT floor source said, howev-

er, that the Pakistani news didn't

have that much of an impact on the

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At the close, March wheat futures closed up 1/2 a point at \$3.59-1/2 per bushel and March

com was down 1/2 at \$2.74 per Soy complex futures at the Chicago Board of Trade (CBT) closed lower on Friday, amid profit-taking activity ahead of the holiday weekend, sources said. Soybeans and soymeal were firmer

after midday on good fund buying, although the market couldn't hold onto its gains. Soybeans pared gains and traded mixed late in the session. Losses were extended in soybeans as March closed down 4-1/2 at \$7.61

- near the session low of \$7.60. The session high was put in at \$7.67. lower in sympathy with soybeans. While soybeans and soymeal have seen sharply higher prices of late, sources said that profit-taking

weighed on prices. CommStock Trading Ltd.

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US Congress to consider trade ban with Syria

semor House of Representatives members over the weekend introduced a bill to bar US companies from doing business with Syria and Sudan because they are listed by the United States as sponsors of terrorism.

seven countries as supporters of that exempted Syria and Sudan. extremist groups: Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Syria and Sudan. Legislation passed last

Reps, Bill McCollum, a Florida Republican, and Charles Schumer, a New York Democrat, said their bill would close a loopbole in Treasury Department reg-The State Department lists ulations implementing the law

> This business as usual policy represents a step backwards in the effort to isolate Syria and Sodan."

today strips the executive branch of the authority to issue regulations exempting transactions from

the prohibidon. There should be no higher priority for the United States in the battle against terrorism than the elimination of foreign government support for terrorists," he

We cannot permit American

year barred US companies from McCollum said. "The bill Mr. companies to invest billions in making deals with those govern- Schumer and 1 are introducing countries that we know to be sponsoring terrorism. If we are going to stop terrorist nations, we have to hit them where it hurts their pocket books," Schumer

> U.S. firms including a major hotel chain and oil companies that were interested in doing business in Syria and Sudan, but they did not

They said they knew of several

Shares closed sharply higher on increased turnover yesterday, after the release of a lower-than-expected January Consumer Price Index, traders said.

"Investors were reacting to the lower-than-expected CPI and Wall Street's rise," said Danniella Finn, head of sales at Batucha Securities and Investments. The benchmark Mishtanim index

Mishtanim

259.87 A 2.84%

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of top 100 shares rose 2,84%, or 7.18 points, to 259.87 on high allshare turnover of NIS 186 million against NIS 123m. on Thursday. The Maof 25 blue-chip index closed 3.07% higher at 266.97. January's CPI, released on

Friday, rose 0.4%, compared with an 0.8% increase in December.

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266.97 A 3.07%

The market was looking for a reason to rise, and it came with the CPI figure," said Danni Scharia of Capital Securioes. "Despite that, we believe inflation may accelerate in the coming months, and the central bank will not lower the rates. The main quescon is what will happen with interest rates. The Bank of Israel is not expected to reduce its key lending rate by more than 0.3 percentage points.

The most active share of the day was Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, which surged 5.5% on a volume of NIS 11.3m. (Reuter)

Portugal wants early EMU entry

Shares up on

low CPI report

By RICHARD WADDINGTON

LISBON (Reuter) - Portugal's ruling socialists and their main opposition united over the weekend to send a defiant message to the European Union that it was determined to form part of the single currency if it met the conditions for cutry.

This was the clear aim of a symbolic vote in parliament, where the socialists and the center-right Social Democrats supported a motion backing Portugal's bid to join the first countries lannching economic and monetary union (EMU) in 1999.

"There is a huge majority (in Portugal] in favor of monetary union," Prime Minister Antonio Guterres said during the debate, whose outcome was never in doubt as the two parties control 85 percent of the 230-seat parliament.

"It is a great national objective to be at the center of the construction of Europe ... where our voice ... Portagal is arguably the bestcan count," said Guterres, whose center-left government has staked its political future on making the cut for monetary union.

The two parties tabled the joint motion in favor of monetary union after politicians in some northern European countries suggested that the so-called "Club Med" couotries of southern Europe - Italy, Spain and Portugal - would do better to wait before joining EMU. German bankers in particular fear that the entry of southern European countries, with no long traditional of financial discipline,

Euro, the future European curren-But Portugal has said that if it

could threaten the stability of the

entry, set out in the European Union's Maastricht treaty, the EMU blueprint, then it will join the single currency.

"The only condition for ectry to the Euro must be a country's ability to meet the criteria and the will of its people," said Guterres.
In a newspaper interview earlier,

be dismissed fears that the inclusion of the Portuguese escudo in the single currency could weaken He said Portugal had given

ample proof of its financial and economic health and an economy accounting for less than one per-cent of total EU activity was in any case too small to be an unsettling factor. "Even those who are worried

must recognize that the entry of Portugal into the initial "hardcore" of monetary union in no way casts doubt on its solidity," Guterres told. O Publico newspaper. placed economically of the three southern candidates, and most

about the strength of the Euro ...

economic analysts believe that it has a good chance of meeting the terms, which include limits to the budget deficit and inflation.

Entry will be decided on the basis of a country's economic performance in 1997.

Although the Social Democrats are firmly pro-European, the debate marked the first ome that they have aligned openly with the government in a parliamentary

The motion expressed "concern and disagreement with public declarations of political leaders from other European Union countries that put in doubt the spirit and letter" of the Maastricht treaty.

Clinton donors joined Kantor's trade trips, paper

Parked trucks line a major highway outside Bilbao, northern Spain, during the tenth day of a truck driver strike throughout Spain over the weekend. The truck drivers are demanding government subsidies for lower fuel prices and early retirement. (AP)

size," Hamilton said.

our country."

he said.

Kantor added.

Kantor, who bas since relin-

quished the commerce post to

incoming secretary William

Daley, said he agreed that "we

need to change the [campaign

finance) system, but it's also

unfair to excoriate folks at com-

merce who are trying to do their

job promoting trade and bettering

Press reports suggesting links between campaign gifts and trade missions or other administration

benefits create "a public percep-

tion"of abuse that is misleading,

Common Cause, I care deeply

about campaign finance reform,

"As a former board member of

"We're very careful about

The contributions analysis was

conducted for the Globe by the

nonpartisan Campaign Study

(Los Angeles Times)

Group of Springfield, Virginia

By ROBERT L. JACKSON

Truckers strike in Spain

WASHINGTON - A study by Soy-oil and soy-meal both closed. the Boston Globe of campaign donations showed that six companies that were represented on former US commerce secretary Mickey Kantor's trips to the former Yugoslavia and several Asian countries contributed \$100,000 or more apiece around the time the trips occurred.

As the controversy over campaign donations continued to expand, Kantor said there was no connection between companies giving large donations to the Democratic Party and their selection to join in two overseas trade missions he led last year.

Kantor's trade missions followed larger ones led by his predecessor, the late Ronald Brown, which were sharply criticized by Republican lawmakers and some poblic watchedg groops for allegedly mixing government business with political fund-rais-

Kantor, who served as commerce secretary for nine months, said political donations were not sought or even hinted at from companies considered for participation on his trips.

"I had nothing to do with the selection of the 25 companies represented on those trips," Kantor said. "I bad oo idea who contributed and I couldn't care

Skeptics, however, scoffed at for Northrop Grumman, said the suggestion the docations were a coincidence.

"Mickey Kantor is one of the smoothest politicians, sbort of the president, in this administra-000." said Larry Klayman, director of the conservative Judicial Watch group, which bas beeo critical of the missions. "For him to claim that he didn't know about [the contributions] is incooceivable."

Clintoo administration officials have defended the series of trade missions, which included leading commerce officials and delegatioos of businessmen, as valuable tools for increasing American access to overseas markets and for helping US companies compete for international business.

Those participating had the opportunity to meet with top government and industry officials in the host nations.

Many major corporation executives angled for the chance to go along, and commerce officials have cited a succession of mulomillioo dollar agreemeots and contracts they said were brought to fruition by the missions.

Executives reached for comment about the Kantor missions said the timing of the political donations their companies made was a coincidence and they ooted that often they bad given to Republicans as well.

Larry Hamilton, a spokesman

ASEAN bloc seeks to expand EU trade there was "absolutely no connection "between Northrop's participacon in a Commerce

Department trip to Bosnia and Croatia last July and the compa-SINGAPORE (Reuter) - The ny's \$100,000 dooadoo to the European Union and the Democracic Party seveo weeks Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) agreed over the "We support the political weekend to take a series of steps process under current law and to boost trade and economic coopbelieve the amount contributed was proper for a company of our

Trade has already quadrupled since 1980 between the 15-member EU - the world's largest trading eouty - and the seven-member ASEAN, which aims to create its own free trade area by 2003, encompassing a population larger than Europe's.

The developments taking place in the two regions give us optimism that there is a great potential for a further strengthening of our economic links," said a declaration at the end of a two-day conference of foreign ministers.

In 1995, the value of ASEAN-EU trade reached \$86 billion, or four times what it was in 1980, when the two sides first signed an agreement to cement des.

The declaration said the two regions "would initiate cooperation in customs matters" and arrange common industrial norms and standards.

They would share information oo the creation of the Siogle Market in the European Union and the ASEAN Free Trade Area.

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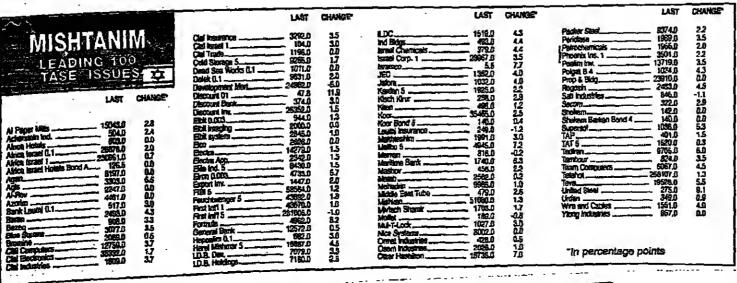
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Holon sinks Hap. Tel Aviv

A big step forward for Hapoel Holon was a giant step backwards for Hapoel Tel Aviv. Tel Aviv's loss to Holon in last night's National Basketball League action sent it reeling towards relegation.

Meanwhile, Jerusalem moved into second place with a solid victory over Rishon, and Maccabi Tel Aviv and Givat Shmuel rolled to victories over Ramai Gan and

Ra'anana, respectively. Hap. Holon 91 Hap. Tel Aviv 78 One week after it appeared that Hapoel Tel Aviv had successfully avoided relegation, it appears that the celebrations were premature. Last night's road loss to Holon left the Tel Avivians with one foot in the second division, while Holon can breathe a little bit easier.

force throughout, running the offense efficiently. Elimelech pounded the ball inside to Kobi Baloul to the tune of 16 points or alternatively, found Derrick Hamilton (19) in one-on-one isolation situations.

The key to the game though, was a 10-0 second-half run sparked by Milt Wagner. Wagner came off the bench at the 9:30 mark with four fouls, after having done virtually nothing all game. He proceeded to dish a nifty assist to Hamilton before burying two consecutive three-pointers to break open a close game and give Holon a 65-56 lead. Wagner finished the game with 19 points. Demitri Hill paced all scor-

ers with 26. Hap. J'lem 79 Mac. Rishon 75 A potential game-winning shot by Alex Nikolitz came up inches short and Jerusalem hung on for the narrow home victory. The win lifted Gadi Kedar's club into second place in the standings.

It was a game of runs, with both teams reeling off several. Motti Daniel (20 points) and Adi Gordon (21) proved to be the difference down the stretch.

Rishon, playing without the injured Doron Jamchee, focused primarily on James Gully in the paint. Gully came through, scoring 28 points and having his way with Jerusalem's big men — Dan Bingenheimer and Eyal Hai. Moshe Brenner was a nice ourside

compliment to Gully, nailing several mid-range jumpers keeping the game close.

Mac. TA 91 Mac. RG 70 Tel Aviv vented out its pent-up frustration from Thursday's loss to Charleroi on the overmatched Ramat Gan visitors.

Oded Katash led Tel Aviv scorers with 20. Uri Cohen-Mintz had 22 in the loss.

Givat Shrouel 88, Ra'anana 73 Dennis Hopson and Gerald Paddio led Givat Shmuel to the road victory in the battle of the two middle-of-the-pack league newcomers. Bnei Herzliya will host Hapoel Eilat in tonight's featured matchup.

The game will be broadcast at 8:30

on Channel 3.			
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Kiwis in trouble in third Test

CHRISTCHURCH (Reuser) -New Zealand were reeling at 95 for six wickets in their second innings at stumps on the third day of the ahird cricket Test against England at

Lancaster Park yesterday.
After establishing a 118-run firstimnings lead, New Zealand's batsmen failed to take advantage and wickets fell regularly through the final session.

At stumps, New Zealand led by 213 runs with two days to play.

Opening batsman Bryan Young

caused a sensation in the final session by refusing to leave the wicket after being given out caught at silly mid off by Nick Knight from leftarm spinner Phil Tufnell,

Australian umpire Darrell Hair gave Young out, but after Young stood his ground and gestured the ball hadn't carried to Knight, Hair consulted fellow official Steve Dunne of New Zealand.

but TV replays suggested Knight 53-run stand for the seventh wicket.
had taken the catch on the New Zasaland 1st innings 248

Young's 49 in 165 minutes off 135 balls was the only innings of substance as New Zealand's batsmen lost their way.

Spinners Tufnell and Robert Croft had done the damage, with two for 24 off 18 overs and two for 25 from 20 overs respectively. Earlier England captain Mike

Atherton became only the seventh English batsman to bat through a complete Test innings when he finished 94 not out in England's first innings of 228.

Atherton batted for 345 minutes, faced 235 balls and hit 10 fours before running out of parmers when Andrew Caddick and Tufnell departed in quick succession after the lunch break.

Atherion began the day on 66 but the only solid support he received They confirmed the dismissal, came from Croft, who made 31 in a

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Senna's death caused by debris, photo suggests

LONDON (AP) - Five days before the start of a manslaughter trial arising out of the death of Formula One driver Ayrton Senna, comes photographic evidence which suggests the Brazilian's fatal crash may have been caused by a small fragment of debris on the

The Sunday Times has suggested a theory that Senna, driving on low tire pressure which would make his car vulnerable to bumps on the Imola track, spotted the fragment and tried to avoid it.

The paper suggested he then hit a bump he normally would have avoided and, at 190 mph (306 kph), crashed a wall. Senna suffered fatal head injuries.

According to the report, the photo has been passed onto the Williams Renaul(team and may be part of the defense case when owner Frank Williams and five others connected with the team and the race face a manslaughter charge starting Thurday.

According to reports, the prosecu-tion has been brought on the basis that Senna's steering column had been shortened so he could see his instrument-panel better and had been badly welded together. It is alleged that the column split in two just before Senna took the bend before the fatal crash on May 1, 1994.

The Sunday Times said there was no conclusive evidence that the steering column had anything more than a hairline crack before the

World-class winner

Britain's Greg Rusedski raises his hands in victory after stunning Andre Agassi 6-3, 6-4 on Saturday in the semi-finals of the \$303,000 Sybase Open in San Jose. Rusedski, ranked 39th, was to meet World No. 1 Pete Sampras in the final in the early hours of this morning. Fastserving Rusedski's impressive victory over the game's best returner followed his straight set quarterfinal stomping of world No. 2 Michael Chang on Thursday. Defending champion Sampras coolly dissected Todd Martin 6-2, 6-3 in the other semi-final. At the \$1 million Dubai Open, No. 2 seed Thomas Muster of Austria beat top-seeded croatian Goran Ivanisevic 7-5, 7-6(7/3) in yesterday's final. Sweden's rising star, Thomas Enqvist, clinched his first title of the season when top-seeded Marcelo Rios of Chile withdrew from the Marseille Open final with a thigh injury yesterday. Second seed Enqvist was leading 6-4, 1-0 in the second set when Rios, who had complained about a pain in his left leg after beating the unseeded Spaniard Sergi Bruguera in Saturday's semifinal, was forced to give up. Top seed Martina Hingis of Switzerland beat No. 3 seed from Germany, Anke Huber 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 to win the \$450,000 Paris Open crown yesterday, it was Hingis's fourth consecutive tournament win.

BRITISH SOCCER - League and cep results yesterday: F.A. Cup fifth round: Bradford 0, Sheffield Wednesday1; Leicester 2, Chebra 2.
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Atherton carries his bat, joins elite CHRISTCHURCH (Reuter) - England captain out against West Indies in Jamaica in 1972.

Mike Atherton yesterday became the seventh: English player to bat through a completed innings (carry his bat) in Test cricket. Atherton made 94 not out as England were

Test against New Zealand at Lancaster Park. of Was the first time Atherton had completed the and Bill Lawry completed the feat; rece each.

feat.
It is the 34th occasion an opening batsman bas carried his bat through a Test innings. Alec Stewart scored 69 not out of his team's 175

The highest score by an opener batting through an innings was New Zealander Glenn Turner's 223 not Gooch (against the West Indies, Leeds 1991).

against Pakistan at Lord's in 1992.

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Turner is also the youngest player to achieve the feat. He was 22 years 63 days when he scored 43 not out out of 131 against England in 1969. . West Indian Desmond Haynes has batted through

bowled out for 228 in their first innings of the third; a Test innings three times, while Turner, Englishman Sir Leouard Hutton and Australians Bill Woodfull

The other English players to bat through a complete Test imings are Bobby Abel (against Australia, Sydney 1891-92), Sir Pelham Warner (against South The last time an English player did it was when, Africa, Johannesburg 1898-99), Sir Leonard Hutton (against the West Indies, The Oval 1950, and against Australia, Adelaide 1950-51), Geoff Boycott (against Australia, Perth 1979-80) and Graham

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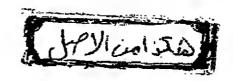
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ADINA HOFFMAN

***1/2 SECRETS AND LIES - The win-

ner of the Palme d'Or at the 1996 Cannes film

festival, Mike Leigh's latest movie is an emi-

nently watchable, stylistically unremarkable

character-driven melodrama. It's the story of

Cynthia, a miserable middle-aged factory work-

er (played wrenchingly by Brenda Blethyn)

whose bleak existence takes a turn for the

brighter with the sudden reappearance of the

grown daughter, a black woman, she gave up for

adoption as an infant (the poised Marianne Jean-

Baptiste). The picture is packed with fine perfor-

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MICHAEL AJZENSTADT '

The Rubin Museum in. Tel Aviv pays a tribute tonight to Israeli composer Paul Ben Haim on the centenary of his birth. The impressive program of Ben Haim works includes his String Trio, e nocturne from his Second Piano Suite, five pieces for solo piano, three songs without words, the Serenade for-Flute and Strings and a Spanish Lullaby...

The performers are violinist Batsheva Savaldi Kolberg, violist Richard Assayas, cellist Irit Assayas, flautist Noam Buchman, soprano Cara Goodrich and pianist Rami Bar Niv (8:30).

The Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba opens, for the first time in its history, a subscription series in Dimona. The opening concert tomorrow (8:30 p.m.) features music director Uri Mayer leading his musicians in the overture to Rossini's L'Imliana in Algeri and Haydn's 94th (Surprise) Symphony. Evgeny Yehndin is the soloist in Mozart's Clarinet Concerto.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

The Death of Yagoslavia is a new six-part documentary series which will start on the Discovery Channel, tonight at 10:00. The series, produced by Brian Lapping for BBC Television, has won most of the important international awards and has stirred up a lot of attention.

The series comprises unique war reportage which gives a clear and authoritative account of how Yugoslavia fell apart. For the first time, rival generals and leaders, including men accused of ethnic cleansing and genocide, take part together in a TV series, and they reveal what they did and

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MOVIE CHANNEL (4) 11:30 Le Ballon D'Or (French, 1993) (rpt) 13:05 Scarlet Street (1945) – dark drama by Fritz Lang. An innocent middle-aged

man is ensnared by a femme fatale. With Edward G. Robinson and Joan Bennett (101 mins.) 14:50 Seeing Stars 15:40 Russian Pizza Blues (Danish, 1992) (rpt) 17:10 The Ryan

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marcello Massicalian and Sandrine Bonnaire, (95 mins.) 23:40 Who's That Knocking At My Door (1968) – Martin Scorsese's first feature. A young man struggles with the shackes of strict the world is coming to an end and decides to to lose his virginity before it happens Catholicism and a free-thinking young woman, With Harvey Keitel. (89 mins.) (119 mins.) 00:05 The Getaway (1994) (rpt)
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investigating e serial
killer discovers that

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in 1963, Includes
interviews with Survivors, family mem-bers and politicians involved in the rescue mission. 21:00 Living in Africa, part 5 – Mozambique 21:30 Taste of the

Caribbean, part 8 -Curacao
22:00 The Death of
Yugoslavia – the first
of six parts of e docu-

Carey Show New York Daze mentary series on the roots of the recent conflict in Yugoslavia. 23:00 First Tuesday:

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12:00 Light Classical - Barbara Hendricks sings film music; Frederica von Stade sings songs by Dave Brubeck 13:00 Artist of the Week - Kim Burg, bass, in arias from Mussorgsky, Tchaikovsky, Glinka and Borodin
14:06 Encore
15:00 Cycle of Works concertos 16:00 Early music 17:00 Etnahta – live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. The

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23:00 Just Jazz

25 Some cloak entirely made of wood! (5)

6 Puzzle no more (7)

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7 Important reports but not inside information (5-4,4)

8 Composition from speaker number ten, it appears (8)

9 Prostrate after mishap and

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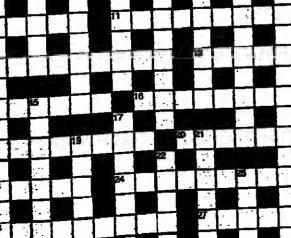
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Shahal: Terner harassed teenager

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

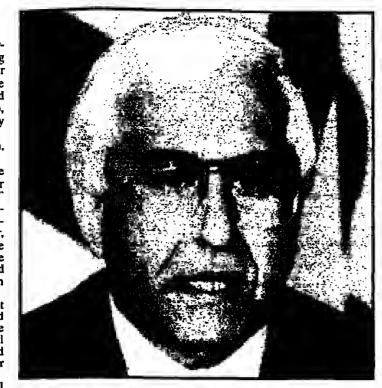
Former police inspector-general Ya'acov Terner is considering "taking steps" against former internal security minister Moshe Shahal, who yesterday fingered him as the "senior officer" who, according to Ma'ariv, sexually

harassed a teenage girl.
Terner denied the allegation. calling it libelous and haseless. Ma'ariv's weekend magazine published a story about a former "extremely senior police officer" who for months courted a highschool girl at the ice-cream parlor she worked in. The officer, who would come to the ice cream parlor frequently, made sexual proposals to the girl and promised her a good position in

the army when she got drafted.

The officer would ask ahout the girl's sexual interests and asked her if she was a virgin, the story said. It also says the girl confirmed these details and said the officer had asked to meet her in a hotel. in a hotel.

The story was one of several exposes involving improper con-duct by public figures by reporter Shaul Peretz, which Yediot Aharonot refused to publish from 1991 to 1996. Peretz quit Yediot and moved to Ma'ariv, which published details of these incidents, involving, among others, Jerusalem Mayor



Moshe Shahal

Ehud Olmert, Rabbi Yitzhak Kadouri, former religious affairs minister Avner Shaki, former transport minister Yisrael Kessar, former attorney-general Yosef Harish and others. Shahal first told Haifa Radio

(Efraim Kilshtok)

yesterday morning that Terner was the officer involved with the young girl, and that this story was brought to his attention in January 1993. Shahal said Globes editor Adam Baruch told him he was going to publish the story



Ya'acov Terner

and wanted Shahal's reaction. Shahal said he advised then prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and foreign minister Shimon Peres of the affair, and they decided not to do anything until the story was published, hut in

Principal's remark makes him 'unfit to serve'

the end it did not appear.

Soon after that, Terner was accused of considering a political post while he was still in uniform - an affair that eventually led to Terner resigning as inspector-general - and Shahal never

"In retrospect this was my mis-take. I should have brought it immediately to the attention of the attorney-general and police investigations unit. I kept the secret for three and a half years. When I was asked [by Haifa Radio] who the officer was. I had to answer directly, otherwise all senior police officers would be suspected of eating ice cream all the time," Shahal said.

ly baseless and accused Shahal of trying to "pin things on me.

It's hard for him to accept the fact that he failed in the High Court of Instice business and keeps trying to push all kinds of stories my way.

Terner, who also gave several interviews yesterday, said he was the one who told Shahal of the story, when he heard about it. He said he stops for ice cream at that ice-cream parlor once or twice a week as he has been doing for 10 years, hut never touched the girl or saw her without other people present

According to Channel 2, the girl herself denied having anything to do with Terner, who was "merely a friendly person," and said the story was libel. She said she had a boyfriend at the time and used Terner's name in con-

ing that "a teacher has to be

extremely careful about remarks

so that they cannot be misinter-

Dell also called on the princi-

pal of the school to hold a teach-

ers' meeting at which Simkovitz

could explain herself and thus

reduce the tension at the school.



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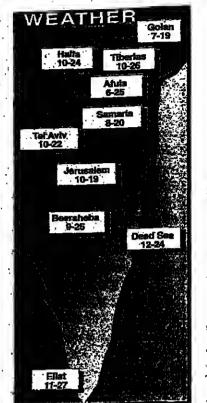
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US airman dies at Negev air base

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

A US airman was killed when he fell from a third-story window at the Nevatim air force hase in the Negev over the weekend. Witnesses said he was apparently drunk.

The airman, St. -Sgt. John Pheister, stationed at a US Air Force hase in Italy, was at Nevatim to service US aircraft conducting exercises in the

Negev.
Richard Scorsa, spokesman for the US Embassy in Tel Aviv, confirmed that Pheister died when he fell out of a third-story window. He said the incident was under investigation.

Witnesses said Pheister, whose unit services jets flying over Bosnia, was apparently drunk and went to vomit out of a window.

They said he hent out of the window and fell out, slamming into the concrete below.

Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the seven of spades, the queen of hearts, the jack of diamonds and the queen of clubs.

By BATSHEYA TSUR

The Arah principal of the Jewish-Arah school in Neveh Shalom is not fit to serve as an educator, given remarks he made in an ohituary he wrote after the February 4 helicopter collision in the North, Education Ministry Director-General Ben-Zion Dell said yesterday.

At the same time, Dell ruled that a religious teacher at the state (secular) junior high school in Mevasseret Zion, who was also charged with making offensive remarks at the time, should

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Czech aircraft manufacturers Aero

Vodochody are planning to expand

a joint venture for the supply of

advanced training planes to

Thailand, and are negotiating the

sale of their product in other Far

Eastern countries, South America

So far, the Thai air force has

received 38 of the L-39 training

planes, which are constructed in

the Czech plant and fitted with

modern avionic equipment hy

Elbit, a spokesman for the Haifa-

and Africa.

Israel's Elhit Systems and the

in her file.

Neveh Shalom principal Anwar Daoud was called to a hearing hy a committee that is headed hy Dell, following an obituary he wrote for Tom Kita'in, his former pupil, who was killed in the crash. In the ohit, published in a local paper, Daoud described Kita'in as "the only Jewish soldier whom I agreed to take in my car when he was in uniform."

Daoud told the committee that his remarks were in keeping with his beliefs, the ministry

based advanced technology center said. The client is provided with a

turn-key product whose avionics

equipment can also prepare the

The project in Thailand, started

some three years ago, is now worth

close to completon and the Thais

are expected to increase their acqui-

sitions. The planes have already

chalked up some 15,000 hours in

Elbit has also embarked on joint

marketing efforts with the Czechs

in South America, the Far East and

flight time by the Thai air force.

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other committee members therefore ruled that "hy denying the right of the IDF to exist and hy denigrating its soldiers and their legitimacy, [Daoud] disqualified himself from serving as an edu-cator in the Israeli state school

Dell called the attention of the school, which is privately run, to this ruling. He also called on the school's management "to puh-lish their regrets and apologies" over the remarks, and to report

have a disciplinary note inserted spokesman said. Dell and the teacher, Atara Simkovitz, the committee accepted her version

of the incideot.
Pupils in Simkovitz's class had told the principal that she told them the soldiers would not have been killed had they ohserved the commandments. However, Simkovitz denied saying this, adding that such remarks were not in keeping with her views or the spirit of

While deciding not to take disciplinary action against her, Dell said that a remark would be inserted in Simkovitz's file say-

Barak, Sneh kick off Labor leader campaign

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

MKs Ehud Barak and Ephraim Sneh officially kicked off their respective campaigns for the Labor Party's leadership yesterday when they presented their candiover \$200 million. Another order is dacy forms at Labor headquarters

Barak, who obtained the signatures of 3,500 party members endorsing him for leadership -,500 more than the required 2,000 - said, "I see this as a necessary move for a vital process of renewal in Labor, which will ultimately hring us hack to

Sneh, who presented 2,000 signatures, stressed, "I state explicit-ly that I am oot a Bihi [Netanyahu] clone. Whoever wants a Bihi clone

should oot choose me." Barak's campaign will be conducted under the slogan "Only with Barak we will win." Sneh's is: "Truth [Emer. Labor's voting letters] - will win. Ephraim

MK Yossi Beilin intends to present his candidacy later this. month, while MK Shlomo Ben-Ami said yesterday that he still hasn't decided whether to run.

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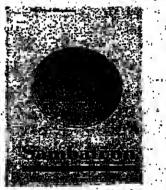
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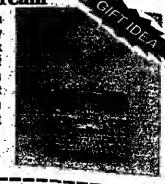
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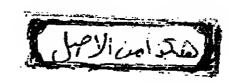
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